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Study Gives Favorable Reviews To Power Plant; Zoning Board's Decision Extended To Dec. 22nd

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Two independent contractors hired by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) say there is no environmental issue that is grounds for denying a special permit for the \$180 million power plant being proposed by Berkshire Power.

Last week, a study by Tech Environmental, Inc. (TEI) and the BSC Group found "the Berkshire Power Project will not create any adverse environmental impacts in general and, in particular, to the town of Agawam."

The study states that the mitigation measures proposed for the power plant will provide adequate protection for public health and safety, as well as mitigation of nuisance conditions.

In a report on file at Town Hall, the consulting firms say "the environmental assessments provided by the proponent properly address and characterize the likely impacts of the project."

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson praised the consultants for doing an excellent job that thoroughly reviewed all the submittals by both the proponents and the opponents of the power plant.

"The study bears out the accuracy of the information submitted to the ZBA by EarthTech (on behalf of Berkshire Power)," Johnson said. "Both TEI and the BSC Group were very objective in offering their opinion on the health and safety issues and in offering suggestions for the ZBA to consider before granting the special permit."

Both Berkshire Power and the ZBA have agreed to extend the deadline for the board's decision on the special permit. ZBA chairman Ronald Hebert will reopen the public hearing to gather public comment on the report on Thursday, December 7th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Middle School cafeteria.

Johnson Says Critics Are "Paranoid"

Johnson, who has been a staunch supporter of the power plant proposal, said critics who are charging that the study is biased because he participated in procuring the study are "paranoid."

Johnson said some Town Councilors are criticizing the study without even having read it and are calling into question the integrity of the entire profession of environmental engineering by

suggesting that the outcome of the study is determined by who pays for it.

According to Johnson, Berkshire Power has agreed to reimburse the town for the cost of study, but it will be up to the council to decide whether or not to accept their offer.

Johnson approved a transfer of \$15,000 from the Law Department's professional consulting account to pay for an independent evaluation of the information submitted to the ZBA by both sides of the power plant issue. This came after ZBA Chairman Ronald Hebert asked for expert help to assist the board in making its decision on the special permit.

Johnson said he suggested that Hebert work with Planning Director Deborah Dachos to find the most qualified firm able to provide the information before the statutory deadline of November 24th.

Under the state's municipal finance regulations, the Mayor is the only person who can act as the town's procurement officer, Johnson said.

Even though the members of the ZBA are employees of the council, the council cannot contract for services requested by the board, Johnson said.

Among the key findings of the report are:

- The air pollution control measures proposed for the project are adequate and among the most stringent applied on similar projects throughout the country.
- Air quality impacts are expected to be low and should be insignificant, as claimed by Berkshire Power.
- The frequency and size of the visible plume from the cooling towers may be larger than those predicted.
- The potential for fogging and icing of nearby roadways will be minimal.
- The depositing of minerals and chemicals from the cooling tower plume will not have a significant impact on air quality, vegetation, or soils near the plant.
- Properly maintained, the cooling towers will

not pose a threat of transmitting Legionaire's disease or any pathogenic microorganism to people living near the plant.

Report Finds Municipal Water Supply Adequate

The report finds the municipal water supply adequate to supply the needs of the plant without impacts on existing water users, but it recommends the town require the development of a long-range emergency water use plan that incorporates alternative water supply sources in the event of an extended drought.

While the proposed chemical and fuel oil storage facilities are adequate and comply with regulatory criteria, the consultants say the town should require an Emergency Response Plan as a condition of granting a special permit.

It is further recommended that the town request that Berkshire Power provide a noise control plan to examine potential methods for additional noise control of both construction and operation of the plant. The report concludes that while the noise impacts are likely to be at reasonable levels acceptable to the Department of Environmental Protection criteria, noise impacts will likely be noticeable at the nearest sensitive receptors in all directions.

The report says the plant will have minimal and insignificant visual impacts on the surrounding area and will likely receive regulatory approval for a smokestack height lower than the good engineering practice standard of 175 feet.

"The aesthetic impact of the plant is likely to be minimal and arises mainly from the mass and height of the proposed generation building..."

"Although larger in scale, the visual character of the plant buildings and structures are in keeping with the industrial land uses predominant in the surrounding industrial district," according to the study.

Johnson said criticism of the independent study only confirms Town Councilor Robert Danie's statement that opponents of the plant want to ask questions, but don't want to listen to what the answers are.

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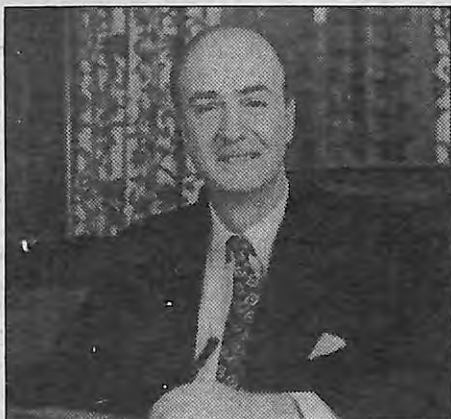


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Men's Volleyball League Has A Successful First Season

To The Editor:

The participants in the fall men's volleyball league wish to extend sincere thanks to the following people/organizations who helped make our season successful. In no particular order they are:

Tony Albro, director of building maintenance, for his cooperation in readying the high school gym for us, and for the exceptional night crew he employs there.

Ray Ostaples, personnel department of **Olympic Fasteners**, for his (and his employer's) availability to secure all the necessary hardware and adjust it for our needs.

The Agawam Advertiser, for its help in continually promoting our league.

Mary Keller, Park and Rec. director, for her willingness to listen to new ideas, follow through even in times of sickness, and (while always "holding the reins") allowing us "our own league." With her continual assistance, this was a long, fun, inexpensive, and most profitable season.

Nancy Pryce, Park and Rec. secretary, for her tactful ability to keep us in volleyball between directors. Her encouraging spirit and casual advice were helpful in getting us where we are.

Sincerely,
Agawam Men's Volleyball League

Quatrone Looks Forward To Serving As City Councilor

To The Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the voters of Agawam. We, as citizens of Agawam, have a great deal to be proud of.

As you city councilor, I intend on working with my fellow councilors, all of the other elected officials, and the citizens of our community to make Agawam a better place in which to live.

I look forward to serving you.

Sincerely,
Chris Quatrone
City Councilor-Elect

Agawam Community Artists Deserve The Public's Support

To The Editor:

On October 20, 1995, I attended the Agawam Community Artists Art Show at the Agawam Library. I was able to view and purchase some wonderful pieces of art.

Agawam is fortunate to have such an active and talented group of people. I do hope everyone continues to support them.

Sincerely,
Anna P. Johnson
Feeding Hills

Bicycle Patrol Is A Wonderful Addition To Town Police Dept.

To The Editor:

Recently, my business partner and myself were working late in our shop on Springfield Street. We had the opportunity to meet a bicycle patrolman (unfortunately, we did not get his name) who stopped to check because "he had never seen the lights on at that hour before."

We were very impressed with the fact that he did notice this and stopped to check. He was very personable and informative about the bicycle patrol.

We would just like to say thank you to him and to the Town of Agawam for having these community policemen. We feel they are a wonderful addition to the neighborhoods for both security and public relations.

Sincerely,
Linda Robinson
Rosemarie White

The Issue Of Prayer Is Important To Consider

To The Editor:

While reading the *Union News* on Thursday, October 26th, I happened to see the Ann Landers column which prompts me to disagree with her answer to the person who wrote to say she did not understand why people objected to the Lord's Prayer being said in school, at graduations, and so forth.

Ann's answer to this was, "I do. What if you were Puerto Rican, German, Italian, Jewish, etc.? What would this prayer mean to you?"

I was amazed at her answer.

First of all, where in this prayer is there any reference to nationalities? This is, and has been, a universal thing, meaning boundless, whole, general, and unlimited for all.

Secondly, I urge you to read this prayer, not just say it. Why don't you interpret and examine these words in this beautiful prayer, and highlight each sentence as I have:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the Glory forever and ever. Amen.

I repeat—read, interpret, examine, and fully understand what you have read.

Thank you,
Rosanne Fiorini
Ley Street
Agawam

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Ronald Hebert, Chairman
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Keenan Leads Debate For Passage Of Economic Legislation

Commenting on the legislation, which was enacted in the final hours of the legislative year, State Representative Daniel Keenan said, "The single sales factor bill represents a continuation of my efforts to make this state a better place to do business by building incentives into our tax code that encourage economic growth and job creation."

Currently, a corporation doing business in the commonwealth, must calculate its corporate income tax not only on sales made in the state, but also take into consideration the property and payroll levels. This new legislation will make sales the only factor used in determining a manufacturer's corporate income tax.

In leading the floor debate for the passage of the bill, Rep. Keenan stated that, "This legislation will reduce taxes for those manufacturers who locate, expand, and hire employees while exporting products from Massachusetts. This type of business brings wealth to our State and allows us to maintain our high quality of life."

"Massachusetts must continue to see itself as a partner with the companies who provide our citizens with well-paying jobs, allowing them in turn to contribute to the state's economy," concluded Rep. Keenan.

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Ronald Hebert, Chairman
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At the Agawam Senior Center
Friday, 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 3rd
"Pancake Breakfast with Santa"
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At Agawam High School
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Town Officials Receive Preview, Tour Of Fisher Scientific Warehouse At I-Park

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Representatives of Fisher Scientific Company took town officials and members of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce on a tour of their new warehouse facility in the industrial park last week.

Attending the tour were Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Fire Chief David Pisano, Town Councilors George Bitzas, James Taylor, Robert Danie, David Skolnick, and Councilors-Elect Chris Quatrone and Kent Servis.

Fisher Scientific, a \$5.5 billion corporation supplying laboratory supplies and equipment to colleges, schools, and private industry, will open the latest and largest of its 35 distribution centers in the Agawam Regional Industrial Park at the end of the month.

The Agawam facility will supply Fisher's customers in New England, New York, and New Jersey.

Before the company can open its Agawam facility, it will need the council's approval of a license to store 8,583 gallons of combustible liquid and 31,650 gallons of flammable liquids in an above-ground storage vault at its Bowles Road location. The council will consider the license application at its November 20th meeting (presstime) after holding a public hearing.

During the tour of the warehouse, Johnson said the company had worked closely with the town's Fire, Police, and Building Departments during the design phase of the building to address safety concerns over the storage of chemicals at the facility and the routing of trucks to the facility.

Johnson said Fisher was "exactly the kind of company we want to bring to Agawam because of the level of cooperation they demonstrated in working with the town throughout the permitting and designing of the building."

Johnson said the company had been advised early on that a license to store chemicals would be needed, but the application for the license

"slipped through the cracks" during the process of building the facility.

Fisher Vice President William M. Jenkins said his firm thought the license had been approved when the Fire Chief signed their application.

Distribution Center Will Not Make Chemicals

Johnson said the distribution center will not be involved in manufacturing or mixing chemicals, and all the chemicals supplied by Fisher Scientific to its customers will be shipped in U.S. Department of Transportation approved packaging.

Facility manager Gary Demeter said truckers must meet strict criteria before they are hired to transport Fisher's products. About 65 percent of the load will be handled by UPS, he said.

Fire Chief David Pisano said Fisher more than adequately met the fire safety requirements presented by Fire Inspector Louis Calabrese. Pisano said Calabrese worked closely with Fisher executives during the design phase of the warehouse and the chemical storage vault.

"Lou is very aggressive when it comes to fire prevention, and everything possible was done to protect safety," Pisano said.

Pisano said the chemical storage vault was equipped with an interactive sprinkler system capable of releasing 30,000 gallons of foam to blanket the vault in a worst-case fire scenario.

Pisano said Fisher's employees have all been trained in the proper handling and storage of flammable materials.

"We're very comfortable with them," Pisano said. "We're confident that if there is a problem, we can deal with it."

Demeter said his company has never had a major chemical incident. "Our chemical response team is trained to respond to anything. We have the means to respond to an incident, and we don't have to wait for outside help," Demeter said.

Under state building codes, the facility is classified as a warehouse rather than a hazardous materials storage facility, Johnson said.

"Individuals who are raising such concerns have not contacted Fisher Scientific or the Town of Agawam," Johnson said. "They are making comments out of sheer ignorance."

... A Big Investment ...

Jenkins said Fisher has made a big investment in purchasing their Bowles Road site and is planning to expand their operation by mid 1996.

The company will provide about 60 permanent jobs when it opens and expects to hire approximately 20 more employees with the expansion.

Town Councilor Robert Danie said it appeared that the building had been designed with safety firmly in mind. "I think it was helpful that they brought in the Fire Department from scratch and didn't come in with their own design. They were flexible."

While he still had questions about the facility, Councilor George Bitzas said the tour had been educational, and he wished the entire council had been able to attend. Bitzas said he was reassured that the fire chief had found no problems with the operation of the facility.

"It makes it easier for us to decide when we hear from the experts," Bitzas said. "We should find out the truth and the facts from the experts."

Johnson has sent a letter to the council urging them to grant the gas storage license at its November 20th meeting to avoid causing a delay in the opening of the facility.

Johnson sent the council letters of support for the license from the building inspector, the director of planning, the fire chief, the fire inspector, and the police chief.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to an early deadline caused by the Thanksgiving holiday, The AAN will report on the hearing and the council meeting in its next edition.)

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Tax Structure For Manufacturers May Change Says Melconian

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield), Chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Science and Technology, has announced that the Senate passed legislation that would change the way defense contractors and other manufacturers are taxed in Massachusetts.

The new method for apportioning corporate income taxed by the Commonwealth would benefit in-state manufacturers that export products nationally and internationally. The bill would apply a "single sales factor" to all defense contractors immediately, while phasing-in the single sales factor for all other manufacturers over the next five years. Additionally, the research and development tax credit was revised to encourage defense conversion into commercial markets.

"The votes recently cast in the Senate and House will create a brighter future for the Commonwealth. The single sales factor is a prudent investment that will pay big dividends by revitalizing our manufacturing base. By reducing the cost of doing business in Massachusetts, we can stop exporting manufacturing jobs to other states, and start exporting high-quality products. Already, Brazonics, a high-tech manufacturer in Amesbury, cancelled plans to move to New Hampshire because of the single sales factor," state Senator Melconian.

Senator Melconian was among the first members of the Senate to call for legislative action to reverse the past decade's devastating economic downturn—225,000 manufacturing jobs have left the state since 1984. Improving the state's business climate was Senator Melconian's top priority for the 1995 legislative session.

Through her leadership, the Senate Committee on Science and Technology was the first legislative body to endorse the single sales factor for all manufacturers. Her Committee filed legislation and a policy statement advocating a comprehensive approach that would continue to transform Massachusetts into a business-friendly state—tax relief, workers' compensation and unemployment insurance reform, defense conversion, and a more competitive electric power market.

"We successfully balanced prudent fiscal policy with the need to spur economic growth. Manufacturing—whether in plastics, telecommunications hardware, computer software, plastics, marine electronics, or environmental technology—is the engine that drives every region's economy. Today's action responds to the changing economic realities by endorsing a long-term focus on creating stable, well-paying jobs for the 21st century," concluded Senator Melconian.

Honored At Veterans' Day Luncheon



LOCAL VETERANS GATHERED FOR A VETERANS' DAY LUNCHEON on Saturday, November 11th and among the many award recipients were, from left Dianne Moreau, Veterans' Agent Ruth Bitzas, Peg Brown, and George Schlager. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7, Paragraph B2 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of an addition at the premises identified as 51 SENATOR AVE.
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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Recount Of Election To Be Conducted By Registrars Nov. 28

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Even though he doesn't expect the outcome of the November 7th municipal election to change, failed Town Council candidate Louis Russo is seeking a recount.

Town Clerk Richard Theroux said he received Russo's petition for a recount, signed by at least 70 registered voters, late Friday afternoon. The petition must be signed by 10 registered voters from each of the town's seven precincts.

Once the signatures have been certified, Theroux will convene a meeting of the Board of Registrars to conduct a recount. The meeting has been tentatively scheduled for November 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Clerk's Office.

There have been three requests for recounts in his 14-year tenure as clerk, and the outcome of the election has never been overturned, Theroux said. "It's very difficult to lose, and everyone has equal rights to a recount," Theroux said. "We welcome Mr. Russo to come in, and we'll be glad to recount the vote."

As they did on election night, the Board of Registrars (Theroux, Mary Hunter, Barbara Barton-Dunn, and Ronald Bennett) will go over the receipts from the automatic voting machines. Then they will count the absentee ballots for the first time, Theroux said.

On election evening, the Town Clerk's Office reported the results of the voting machines as 3,315 for Russo and 3,354 for Nancy Thompson. The absentee ballots totaled 90 for Russo and 104 for Ms. Thompson.

On election night, the receipts from the voting machines were checked and double checked by the registrars and by the clerk's staff, said Theroux. The absentee ballots were counted at the polling stations, and the results were reported to the registrars by the precinct wardens.

At the recount, each absentee ballot will be traced back to the application filled out by the voter and the envelope used to return the ballot to Town Hall.

Theroux Is Confident Of Machine Totals

Theroux said, "I'm very confident of the machine totals. If there's going to be a problem, it will be in the absentee ballots."

Because there is a narrow margin separating Russo from the 11th council seat won by Ms. Thompson, the votes for both candidates will be recounted.

Ms. Thompson said she won by a "decent margin" and was not worried about Russo's call for a recount.

"I don't think it will change anything, but it's his democratic right," Ms. Thompson said.

Russo said he was submitting his petition for a recount because his supporters have been insisting he ask for the recount ever since the night of the election.

"It's not costing the town anything and it's not costing me anything, so why not do it," Russo said.

Although he doesn't expect the recount to reverse his loss, Russo said, "Stranger things have happened in Agawam politics."

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Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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Auto Club Of Pioneer Valley Warns Drivers About Maintaining Vehicles During Winter

Vehicle failure is inconvenient any time of the year, but roadside breakdowns in winter can quickly turn into dangerous situations, according to the Auto Club of Pioneer Valley.

"Winter weather is hard on both vehicles and pedestrians," said Paul Higgs, manager of Emergency Road Service. "Advance preparations, however, can pave the way to safe, comfortable winter driving."

AAA recommends motorists take the following precautions before hitting the road this winter:

- Have your vehicle thoroughly inspected by a certified technician. The engine oil, radiator, tires, windshield wipers, battery, and ignition system all must be in top condition to perform properly in cold weather.

- Prepare a winter survival kit. Suggested items include: flashlight, blankets, booster cables, warning device (flares or reflective triangles), small bag of abrasive material (sand or cat litter), cloth or roll of paper towels, and a small shovel.

- Try to keep your fuel tank at least half full.

For motorists who become snowbound in harsh weather, AAA recommends the following survival tips:

- Stay with your vehicle. It provides excellent temporary shelter and makes it easier for

rescuers to locate you. Don't try to walk in a blizzard. It is easy to lose sight of your vehicle in blowing snow and become lost.

- Don't overexert yourself in cold weather by trying to push a vehicle or dig it out of the snow. Overexertion is particularly dangerous in low temperatures.

- Tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna or place the cloth in a rolled-up window to signal distress. Keep the dome light on at night, if possible. The dome light uses only a small amount of current from the battery and makes it easier for rescuers to see the vehicle.

- Make certain the exhaust pipe is not clogged with snow. Blockage can cause deadly carbon monoxide gas to leak into the passenger compartment when the engine is running.

- For fresh air, open a window slightly on the side away from the wind, and be sure snow or frost does not block ventilation.

- Use whatever is available to insulate your body, including floor mats, maps, or newspapers.

- If possible, run the engine and heater just long enough to remove the chill and conserve gasoline. Occasional deep breathing and rapidly moving arms and legs will increase body circulation.

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Looking Back...

by David Gallano
Agawam Historian



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NOVEMBER 19th - COUNCIL FROWNS ON POLICE, FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Town Council, by an eight to seven vote, has defeated a resolution to create a police and fire commission.

Councilor Roy E. Benjamin, sponsor of the resolution, said he will reintroduce the measure as an ordinance revision. As an ordinance revision, it will have to go through several readings of the council, review by the Ordinance Commission, and finally a two-thirds vote of the council for approval.

The commission would have control over all phases of the police and fire departments, as outlined in Chapter 48 of the Mass. General Laws, with the exception of negotiating powers.

NOVEMBER 19th - COUNCIL TABLES PROPOSAL FOR RETIREES INSURANCE

Town Council has tabled until budget hearings in early 1975 a proposed payment of one-half of the cost of retired town employees medical insurance.

Employee John Chriscola requested consideration of the payment during citizen's speak time. He said that the increased cost of living for the 94 retirees has made payment of \$12 per week for Medicare "a real hardship."

The estimated cost of the proposal is \$14,000 per year. The council voted unanimously to have Town Manager Westman look into the matter and report back.

NOVEMBER 20th - WESTMAN SEEKS TO REORGANIZE DEPARTMENTS

Town Manager James Westman is working on a

functional reorganization of the town government structure.

Town Council directed him this week to call a special meeting with the board when the reorganization is in its final form in order to begin the process of government reorganization, as outlined in Section 6-2 of the 1971 charter.

By that process, the plan is sent to a council committee which reports back to the full board within 30 days with its recommendation. After a public hearing, the council has 90 days to act upon the proposal.

The council may not amend the plan, but only approve it or reject it.

Westman presented a chart on the reorganization to the council Monday night for informal discussion.

The chart showed the administration under Westman divided into five sections, each with its own director.

The new divisions of the government would be: Finance and Administration, Public Safety, Human Resources and Safety, Public Works, and Law.

NOVEMBER 22nd - HOUSING AUTHORITY'S ELDERLY HOUSING PROGRESSING

Site plans for the Housing Authority's 64-unit elderly housing development on Wright Street were signed. The 15-foot buffer was waived in favor of 10-foot-high shrubs along the property line to screen the development from its surrounding residential use.

NOVEMBER 22nd - PLANNING BOARD OPPOSES REDUCED LOT SIZES IN 'LONGVIEW'

The Planning Board has unanimously voted not to recommend to Town Council a zone change from agriculture to residence off South Westfield St. at the Connecticut line. The change, requested by developer John Alcorn, would have allowed the construction of some 40 lots at 15,000 square feet per lot, rather than the 20,000 required in farm zoning. The Town Council will conduct its own public hearing on the matter in the near future before voting on the change.

Fire Wise

by Fire Chief David Pisano Know Your Exits In Case Of Fire

In the event of a fire, survival time may be measured in only seconds. Make sure to make a note of several exits whenever you enter a restaurant, store, theater, or any other public building.

Each building has many different characteristics, which can mean different evacuation routes. In most cases, you only have a few moments to decide on your actions and by knowing several exits, you may be able to avoid crowded main exits.

Also, once the alarm sounds, do not delay in making your way toward an exit. In the event of an actual emergency, your actions could save your life.

As you evacuate, if you encounter smoke, get down and crawl below the smoke. In most fires, it's the smoke and gases that injure and kill, not the flames.

Another enemy is the elevator. It can trap you. Always use the stairs to evacuate.

The Agawam Fire Department encourages you to start making it a practice to plan your escape from wherever you are. Exit—a way out!

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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Rep. Keenan Says Legislature Concludes Successful Session; Rules Changes Help

Having fulfilled a pledge to end lame duck sessions and holiday giveaways, State Representative Daniel F. Keenan's support of sweeping rules changes brought to an end a highly successful legislative session on November 15th. Concluded according to the new rules and prior to what was traditionally a New Year holiday ending, Rep. Keenan says 1995 will be remembered as the year in which "we have reformed the way state government thinks and acts."

"In addition to the rules and campaign finance reforms that were implanted this year, my colleagues and I were able to focus public policy action on a number of critical areas. In particular, we were successful in changing government's thought process, thereby making this state more responsive to the needs of residents and businesses alike," said Rep. Keenan.

A change in attitude towards business is certainly evident, as Rep. Keenan led initiatives to make the state more "business friendly." In particular, Rep. Keenan says a combination of a 16.5 percent drop in worker's compensation rates and

a freeze on unemployment insurance rates will save employers \$380 million this year. Additionally, bank and manufacturing tax reforms seek to make Massachusetts businesses more competitive with others around the country.

Another significant reform was adopted early in 1995 but was just implemented on November 1st. This sweeping welfare reform aims to emphasize work over welfare, while curbing fraud and abuse in the system.

"It is obvious the old system was in disrepair. While we need to ensure that a safety net exists for those going through tough times, we need to build into a new system the right mix of work requirements and other incentives. I am hopeful this reform hits the mark," Rep. Keenan added.

Although the state's spending plan rose a modest 2.6 percent, education reform was a big recipient of increased state funding. Combined with general local aid, the money the state sends back to cities and towns to help pay for the costs of local services rose by nine percent. Education, however, remained Rep. Keenan's greatest concern.

"Unless we are successful in reforming our educational system, societal ills will continue to plague us. Study after study confirms the less education one has, the more likely he or she is to end up in jail, on welfare, or unemployed. It is incumbent upon us to do better for our children, thereby insuring us all a better, more productive future," Rep. Keenan stressed.

To help families of the working poor and middle class, Rep. Keenan was able to champion a minimum wage hike, as well as support efforts to make college tuition more affordable. For seniors, a mixed housing reform creates a guaranteed preference in elderly housing units and streamlines the eviction process of those who pose a danger to those who should be enjoying their golden years.

"Add a major victim rights victory, a fair credit reporting act, and several successes in our goal to alleviate domestic violence, and I am pleased at what my colleagues and I have been able to accomplish for the people I represent," concluded Rep. Keenan.



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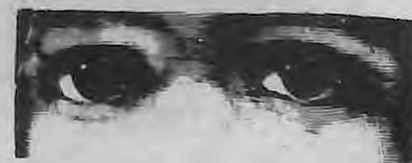
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Agawam Obituaries

Peter J. Anton

Peter J. Anton, 38, of 1080 River Road, Agawam, an employee of Impoco Poultry in Feeding Hills, died in Westfield's Noble Hospital.

He also worked at his family's restaurant, Silvano's in Springfield.

Born in Springfield, he was a graduate of Agawam High School, and was a longtime resident of Agawam.

He was a Navy veteran, and was stationed in Spain, Italy, and at other locations in the Mediterranean.

He was a communicant of St. Mary's Church in East Springfield, and belonged to the Mawaga Club, the West Springfield Fish and Game Club, and the National Rifle Association.

He leaves his wife, the former Donna L. Gentile; a daughter, Stephanie A. (Anton) Kelly of Three Rivers; his parents, George A. Jr. and Jeanette D. (Matteucci) Anton of Agawam; a brother, Joseph S. of Ludlow; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 9a, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Mary E. Logan

Mary E. (Rondeau) Logan, 85, of 775 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, a retired employee of Carter's Manufacturing Co. of Springfield, died in a local nursing home.

Born in Springfield, she was a graduate of local schools. She was a 13-year resident of Beaumont, Texas, and a seven-year resident of Feeding Hills.

She was a communicant of the Sacred Heart Church, and a former communicant of the Holy Family Church in Springfield.

Her husband, George D. Logan, died in 1981.

She leaves a son, George Jr. of Somers; three daughters, Patricia Landers of Feeding Hills, Barbara Demarco of West Springfield, and Dorothy Chiappetta of Beaumont; 11 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the Sacred Heart Church, with burial at St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Massachusetts Association for the Blind, 77 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

James F. Donovan

James F. Donovan, 81, of 301 Rowley Street, Agawam, the president and owner of the Reliable Telephone Service for 35 years, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He retired in 1982.

Born in Medford, he attended Arlington Schools, and was a graduate of Boston College. He lived in Agawam from 1953.

He was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II, and served with the Eighth Air Force in England with the rank of captain.

He piloted B-17 heavy bombers of the 91st Bombardment Group, which suffered heavy losses in the Allied air offensive over Nazi-occupied Europe. He participated in the Normandy, Northern France, Central Europe, Ardennes, and Rhineland campaigns.

He received a European theater ribbon with six bronze battle stars.

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, and was a past president of its Catholic Men's Club.

He was a past president of the Lions Host Club of Springfield, a past vice president of the Boston College Alumni, past president of the Telephone Answering Association of New England, and a past vice president of National Mobile Radio System.

He leaves his wife, the former Edith Chagnon; a son, James F. 3rd of Agawam; five daughters, Elizabeth Pinto of Virginia, Catherine Shipley of Florida, Noreen Williams of Russell, Marguerite Kazmaier of California, and Teresa Andrews of Granville; three sisters, Kathryn Colgan of Boston, and Esther Lowder and Eleanor Linnehan of Arlington, and 12 grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial at Hillcrest Park Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the BMC cardiac care unit at 759 Chestnut Street, Springfield, MA 01199.

Armand E. Maheu

Armand Edouard Maheu, 64, of Topeka, Kansas, a decorated Korean War combat veteran, died at home.

He was a truck driver for Hill's Pet Products at the time of his retirement.

Born in West Springfield, he lived in Agawam and Springfield, and was a longtime resident of Topeka.

He served in the Army during the Korean War. He was a military policeman with the 38th Infantry ("The Rock of the Marne") Regiment of the 2nd Infantry ("Indianhead") Division, which suffered heavy losses during the war.

He took part in seven major battles in 1950-53, and was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action. He won several other decorations.

He attended the Assumption Catholic Church.

He leaves a son, Phil Edward of Topeka; three daughters, Marian Marie Bobo and Jody Jacqueline Keller of Topeka, and Armanda Annette Powell of Kansas City, Missouri; five brothers, Warren of Bolton, Connecticut, Pat of Westfield, Eugene of West Springfield, Larry of South Daytona, Florida, and Michael of Atlanta, Georgia; three sisters, Theresa Maheu of South Daytona, Rosalie Napoli of Agawam, and Laurie of Meriden, Connecticut; and six grandchildren.

The decedent was cremated. A memorial service was conducted at Newcomer-Diffenderfer Funeral Home, followed by a military inurnment at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Armand E. Maheu Memorial Fund, in care of Newcomer-Diffenderfer Funeral Home, 723 West 6th Street, Topeka, Kansas, 66603-3128.

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F.H. Women's Club Disbands After Serving Town For 8 Decades

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

The Feeding Hills Women's Club voted earlier this year to disband the organization, which has been an active part of this community since 1926. Members are already planning a reunion banquet for next May.

Barbara Swanson of North Street, the most recent president of the club, said it was with regret that members voted the dissolution, and members have been talking about a reunion of members. Thelma Gardner and Rita Matys volunteered to plan the event, which will probably be held in May when the club has traditionally held its annual banquet, and May 1996 also marks the 70th year since the club was organized.

Originally organized in 1926 as the West Side Social Club, meetings were held in private homes where neighborhood women shared mutual interests, relaxation, and sociability. Eventually, they moved meetings to Granger School in Feeding Hills Center, and eventually to the Grange Building on North West Street (which was its home for many years).

The late Florence Kerr was the first president and served in that capacity three times over 20 years. The club dedicated its 1969 yearbook in her memory.

Members tell you that at one time dues were five cents per meeting, and refreshments were limited to "very simple fare." The club has been known as the Feeding Hills Community Women's Club, and for some years was a chapter of the American Federation of Women's Clubs. Eventually, the members voted to forgo that alliance.

For its active social calendar and civic involvement, the club attracted up to 80 members, although generally around 45 participated annually.



THE LAST EXECUTIVE BOARD of the Feeding Hills Women's Club, from left - Barbara Swanson (president), Rita Matys (secretary), Barbara Kupec, Mary Rachek, Thelma Gardner, and Peg LaFountaine. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Various Projects By The Club Members

Projects that members express much pride in include:

SCHOLARSHIPS given annually to graduating seniors at Agawam High School.

Care and improvement of SOUTH WESTFIELD STREET CEMETERY, for which they erected a

picket fence and held painting sessions for members. The cemetery is considered of historical significance.

A BICENTENNIAL FLOAT, one of the projects the club undertook to honor the 200th anniversary

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F.H. WOMEN'S CLUB - from Page 11...

of the U.S.A. in 1976. Members planned and built the float, and decorated and made colonial costumes which they wore on the float in the town parade.

Members also worked for the erection of the ANNE SULLIVAN MEMORIAL which is near Granger School. They prepared THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS BASKETS for poorer families, and hung MITTENS on a Christmas Tree which they left at Town Hall for anyone needing them. There were also annual bazaars for Heritage Hall Nursing Home residents.

The club also had activities for the members' pleasure, such as Gourmet Dining Club and Galloping Teas held at members' homes; mystery rides once a year with destinations known only to those making the arrangements; Christmas parties; the pot luck supper at October meetings; and for many years, an annual MEN'S NIGHT with appropriate programs and men as guests.

Programs were held after the monthly meetings, such as crazy hat contests, and subjects of current interest from safety to herbs.

"Times change," Mrs. Swanson said, explaining that current conditions such as working mothers and single-parent families contributed to the dwindling members. In its final program book, there were 27 persons listed as members, but only about 18 active members. So the aging and death of long-time members, and the failure to attract enough younger women, resulted in the decision to disband.

The officers in the final year of the club (in addition to Mrs. Swanson) included Thelma Horenstein of White Fox Road, vice president; Rita Matys of Meadow Street, secretary; and Barbara Kupec of Taft Street, treasurer. Directors were Mary Rochella of Peros Drive, Thelma Gardner of Bessbrook Street, and Peg LaFountain of South Westfield Street.

In a final gesture, the club contributed the remaining money in its treasury to the local Veterans' Office for recognition of those who served in the Armed Forces.

The minutes of all meetings were given to Historical Commission member Marilyn Curry for historical safekeeping, as will be given the club scrapbook and annual club books listing programs and members over almost three-quarters of a century.

The last club book included this verse:

*Time goes so fast
Life asks so much.
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MEMBERS OF THE FEEDING HILLS WOMEN'S CLUB paint the picket fence at the Feeding Hills Cemetery.



MEMBERS OF THE FEEDING HILLS WOMEN'S CLUB ride on the bicentennial float in the town's bicentennial parade in Agawam back in 1976.

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**Pancakes With Santa
With Jr. Women Set
For December 3rd**

One of the most enjoyable family activities of the holiday season is the Annual "Pancake Breakfast With Santa" sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club. This year the breakfast will be held at Agawam High School (different from previous years) from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Santa, Mrs. Claus, and an elf will all be available for visits. Children can bring letters to put in Santa's mailbox. Those including a return address will receive a free reply from Santa in the mail. Photos with Santa will also be available for purchase. Tickets for the breakfast are \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. Tickets are available from any club member or at the door. Proceeds from this event will benefit the club's community projects and donations. Canned goods will also be collected for Holiday Baskets for needy Agawam families. The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

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**Currans Celebrate
Birth Of Grandchild**

Joseph & Dian Curran of Feeding Hills are celebrating the birth of their second grandchild, Nicolette Erin Hill, daughter of Rex & Kathleen (Curran) Hill of Andover, Connecticut. Nicolette was a Halloween baby, October 31st, and weighed in at 8 pounds, five ounces. Waiting at home for Nicolette was a big sister, Courtney. Paternal grandparents are Jack & Norma Hill of Indiana.

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MSPCA Taking Pets For Santa Pictures On Sun., Dec. 3rd

The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA) will be holding a benefit, *Picture Your Pet With Santa*, on Sunday, December 3rd, from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m.

A beautiful 5x7 portrait of your pet with Santa, or your child with the MSPCA's feline mascot, SCOOP, is available for just \$8! Additional prints can be ordered for \$5 each.

The photo shoot will take place at the MSPCA Animal Shelter, 53 Bliss Street in Springfield. Prints will be available for pickup at the shelter on Tuesday, December 5th.

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Professional Secretaries International Slates Holiday Dinner Mtg.

The Springfield chapter, Professional Secretaries International will hold its holiday dinner meeting on Wednesday, December 13th, at The Yankee Pedlar in Holyoke. A networking session will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Area secretaries interested in becoming affiliated with the Springfield chapter of PSI or attending any upcoming meetings as a guest are invited to call for information to Jeannine Pelletier, (413) 744-8504.

Junior Drum & Bugle Corps Is Recruiting Members For '95-'96

The Targets Junior Drum and Bugle Corps is actively recruiting for its 1995-1996 season. Rehearsals are held every Sunday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Greenlead Community Center, 1188½ Parker Street in Springfield. The Center is located behind the Sixteen Acres Library.

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Jr. Women's Holiday Ornament To Feature Riverside Carousel

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will be presenting their fifth ornament in a series depicting historical sites in Agawam and Feeding Hills. The club hopes to make the citizens of Agawam more aware of the history contained right in their own community.

This year's ornament will feature American Beauty from M.C. Illion's Carousel, circa 1909, located at Riverside Park. Marcus Illion was famous for his wood carvings of Coney Island stall carousels in the early 1900's.

His flamboyant horses with exciting poses and blowing manes were his trademark. The Riverside American Beauty, or "flower horse," was the first of three works still known to be in existence today.

This year's ornament will be a molded pewter medallion of American Beauty, surrounded by a pewter wreath. The donation is \$5. Proceeds will be used for community service projects.

Ornaments will be available after Thanksgiving and can be ordered by calling Pam at 789-3271 or Betty at 786-4357.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

Zenith Colorguard To Hold Holiday Bazaar On December 2nd

Zenith Colorguard of Springfield will hold "The Last Minute" Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 2nd, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Greenleaf Community Center, 1188½ Parker Street, Springfield.

The Center is located just behind the Sixteen Acres Library.

Items to be featured at the bazaar will include mittens, ornaments, the Bake Shop, Grandma's Attic, wreaths, and gifts.

Real Good Pancakes



THE FIORENTINO BOYS, Michael and James, enjoy a pancake breakfast recently held at the Agawam Senior Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Wednesday, November 29th: Salisbury steak, egg noodles, carrot coins, whole wheat bread, jello or cake.

Thursday, November 30th: Baked chicken leg, sweet potatoes, peas, pumpernickel bread, pineapple chunks.

Friday, December 1st: Apple juice, baked macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, rye bread, and tapioca pudding with whipped topping.

Agawam/Feeding Hills AARP To Meet On Mon., November 27th

The Agawam/Feeding Hills Chapter 4915 of AARP will hold its next monthly meeting on Monday, November 27th, at 1:00 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center.

Plans are being made for a winter festival luncheon in January. Those in attendance at the November meeting will discuss the date, time, and place where the luncheon will be held. Everyone is urged to attend this meeting to voice their opinion as to menu selection and date.

If you are a member of the national AARP, you are eligible to become a member of the local chapter. The meetings are very informative as to senior needs and how you can obtain help for your particular situation.

Please join the local AARP chapter, and you may become a little more knowledgeable as to what the community has to offer seniors.

If you have any questions, call Jessie Fuller, President of the Agawam/Feeding Hills AARP Chapter, at 789-0657.

Happy 40th Birthday, Mom



Love,
Karen, Ellen, Len

Agawam Golden Age Club Calendar For Month Of December

December 1st: Chapter 1—Dinner Board Meeting.

December 6th: Chapter 2—Annual Christmas Party at Chez Josef. Dinner at 12:00 noon; entertainment to follow.

December 13th: Chapter 1—Annual Christmas Party at Chez Josef. Dinner at 12:30 p.m.; entertainment to follow.

December 20th: Chapter 2—Christmas Party at the Senior Center with lunch and entertainment.

December 27th: Chapter 1—A regular meeting with a New Year's Party.

December 29th: Chapter 2—The Board of Directors' meeting scheduled for this date has been cancelled.

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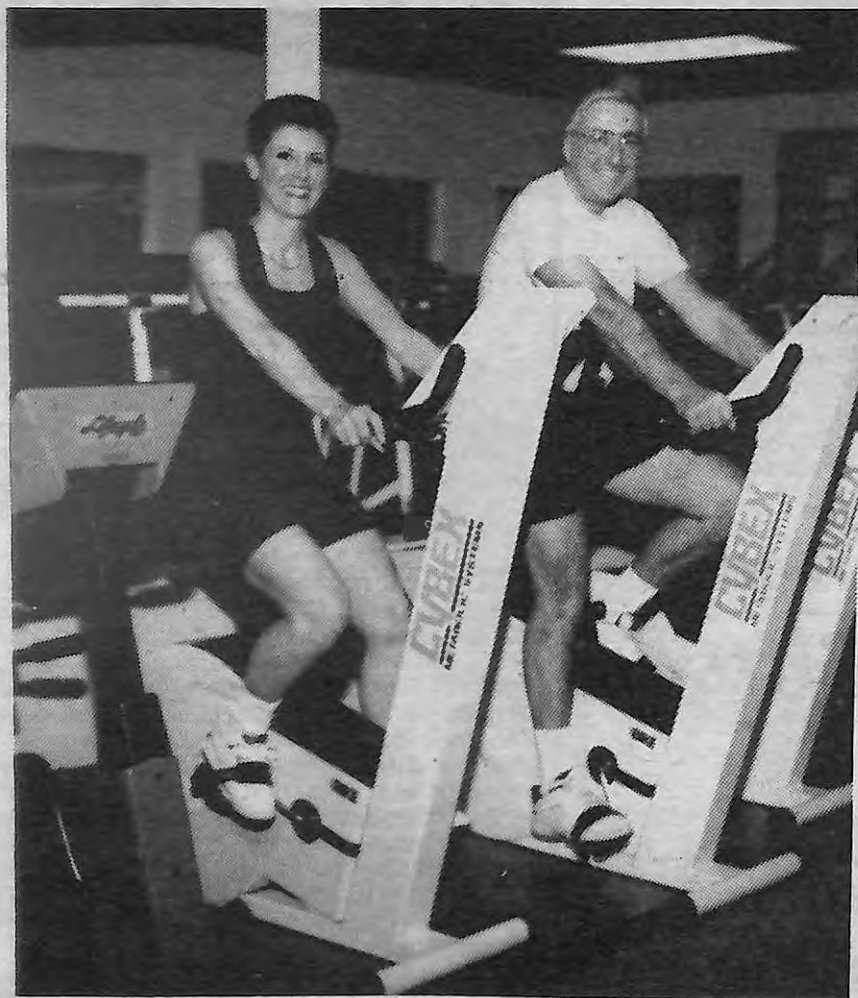
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Church News



THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE for the May 1996 50th Anniversary celebration of Sacred Heart Church include Joe Dupelle, Sheila Gorman, Jim Griffin, Gail Brunelle, Father Kenneth Tatro, Sister Eileen Sullivan, and Mary Zubi. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Sacred Heart Church To Celebrate 50th Anniversary Next May

On Sunday, May 19, 1996, Sacred Heart Church will celebrate 50 years of service to the people of Feeding Hills.

A special Liturgy will take place in the church at 3:00 p.m. with Bishop Dupre as the Chief Celebrant. At 4:30 p.m., there will be a cocktail reception at Chez Josef which will include a display of memorabilia of the parish's 50-year history.

Clergy and parishioners who have since left the area will be invited back for this reunion. The reception will be followed by a dinner dance. The Staff and Anniversary Committee are hopeful that many of the people of Agawam will join Sacred Heart Parish in this gala celebration.

On Saturday, June 15, 1996 at 4:00 p.m., there will be an outdoor Mass and cookout for all parishioners on the church grounds.

In 1946, Sacred Heart Church on Williams Street, Feeding Hills, a mission chapel of Mt. Carmel Church in Springfield since 1926, was declared a territorial Parish by the late Bishop Thomas O'Leary.

The present church was dedicated in June 1959, and the Parish Center was added in 1970.

The original parish consisted of 175 families and has grown to over 6,000 members today. In June 1987, the Stigmatine Order transferred the parish to the Springfield Diocese.

The pastoral staff consists of Rev. Kenneth J. Tatro, Pastor; Rev. Mr. James M. Martone, Permanent Deacon; Sr. Eileen Sullivan, S.S.J., Pastoral Minister and Mrs. Kathryn Patterson, Religious Education Director.

News And Notes From F.H. Congregational

Rev. Donaldson will be on vacation this Sunday. We welcome the Rev. Anne Hallstein of Southampton as our guest preacher.

Please join us for worship at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Sunday School and Adult Bible Literacy begin at 9:00 a.m. Morning worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

Children are encouraged to attend the service with their parents; nursery care is provided.

The Flower Committee has announced that orders will now be accepted for poinsettias. If you would like a flower to be placed in the sanctuary for Christmas, please call Betty Bava at 786-0679, Barbara Burgamaster at 786-9541, or Debbie Donaldson at 786-2590.

On the calendar this week:

November 26th: 9:00 a.m., Adult Bible Literacy/ Sunday School; 10:00 a.m., Worship Service with guest preacher, Rev. Hallstein.

November 27th: 5:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:30 p.m., Planning Committee.

November 28th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

November 29th: 2:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Choir.

November 30th: 7:45 p.m., Cub Scout Committee.

December 1st: 7:00 p.m., Radio Club.

December 2nd: 5:00 p.m., Operation Friendship Roast Beef Supper.



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SUCCESSFUL NONTREATMENT

Q. What is "conservative treatment"?

A. For dentists and physicians, it means initially choosing a moderate means of treating a problem. If this does not succeed, then more rigorous methods can be employed. For example, if there are choices for treating a problem with medications or by surgery, medications will be tried first.

The concept can be carried further. Some dental situations suggest an initial response of nontreatment. This occurs more often than patients realize. During a checkup, the dentist may find signs preliminary to decay. These are demineralized areas on the enamel. Instead of scheduling treatment, the dentist advises the patient to return in six months or a year for a followup examination. Why? It's possible for remineralization to occur to some degree, thanks to action of minerals in saliva. If later reexamination shows that the demineralization has not progressed, it's another case of successful nontreatment.

CLOSING THE GAPS

Q. What can be done about gaps between teeth?

A. Such gaps exist in many people. Some points in life—dissatisfaction with dating opportunities or a need to look for a new job—often motivate people to turn to the dentist for help.

There are several ways to eliminate gaps, depending on the individual case. For some, braces may be in order. Crowns are another possibility. But less expensive and less costly methods can solve the gap problem for many people. One employs natural-looking veneers that are applied to the front surfaces of teeth. In another technique, a tooth-colored plastic resin that bonds to a tooth allows the dentist to sculpt new contours for the tooth without discomfort to the patient.

If you are bothered by the appearance of gaps between your teeth, consult the dentist for evaluation and recommendations.

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Church News - continued...

Harvest Bazaar At St. David's Church



ALL SMILES AT THE RECENT HARVEST BAZAAR at St. David's Church in Feeding Hills included, from left - Paula Tonelli, Larry White, Mary Beth Riberdy, Kelly Glista, and Alyssa Moore. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



HELPING TO ORGANIZE the recent Harvest Bazaar held at St. David's Church were, from left - Esther Nunn, Kathy Glista (chairwoman), Janet Kopyscinski, and Jan Riberdy. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Bethany Church To Present "Singing Christmas Tree"

Bethany Assembly of God church of Agawam will be presenting the 21st Annual Singing Christmas Tree to the Pioneer Valley in eight presentations during the first two weekends of December.

Featuring the 70-voice Sanctuary Choir and 20-piece Sanctuary Orchestra, the presentation centers around the singers assembled on a gigantic Christmas tree, which rises 35 feet from the church stage. Arrayed with lights and decorations, the Singing Tree is stunning in its appearance.

In addition to the new decorations, the musical this year is a new work entitled "Where Earth and Heaven Meet." The work features new songs and familiar carols with a variety of musical styles to please every member of the family.

There are four presentations each weekend: Friday, December 1st, at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, December 2nd, at 6:00 p.m.; Sunday, December 3rd, at 3:00 and 6:00 p.m.; and the times are the same for the weekend of December 8th, 9th, and 10th.

Last year, over 8,000 people opened the Christmas season by attending the tree presentations, and the members of Bethany Assembly of God invite you to welcome Christmas with them this year! The presentations are free and open to the public, and there is a nursery provided for children under the age of two. Bethany is wheelchair accessible and offers signing for the deaf.

Make your plans now to be a part of Bethany's 21st Annual Singing Christmas Tree. For more information, contact the church office at 789-2930.

Bethany Assembly is located at the corner of Route 57 and Main Street in Agawam.

Operation Friendship Slates Roast Beef Dinner For Dec. 2nd

A roast beef dinner hosted by Operation Friendship of America will be held on Saturday, December 2nd, at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, with continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The cost for adults is \$7.50; \$4 for children under 12 years of age; and free for children under five years of age.

For reservations, call Kathy Rose at 786-0195 or Chris Mangano at 789-3128. If you reach an answering machine, please leave your name and number of reservations.

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Reflections...

by Reverend
Peter Monahan
Pastor - Church of
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The Issue Of "Faith"

Faith is acting on the Word of God. The Bible tells us that all the heroes of the Judeo-Christian religion were people of faith, people who acted on the Word of God. That means they were people who did what God wanted them to do.

For instance, in the Book of Hebrews, in chapter 11, we read that "By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of the Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time."

Sometimes, when we read or hear the stories of people of great faith, it can be quite intimidating. Our hearts rush with the thrill of excitement imagining what it must have been like to be such a dynamic person as Moses.

Wouldn't it be great if we could be that sort of person, who just does what God wants us to do? But then we might sink back thinking that we could never be like Moses. No, that sort of person comes around only so often, and that just is not the way we are. Before we convince ourselves that we could never be like Moses, or some other Bible hero, it would help to look beyond the brief description to see what these people were really like. We might be surprised.

Let's take a closer look at Moses for a moment. His story is told in the Book of Exodus, in the Old Testament. Moses was a Hebrew baby who wound up being raised by Pharaoh's daughter, so in effect, he was one of Pharaoh's grandchildren. He grew up in a life of luxury, while his true relatives, the Hebrews, were slaves of the Egyptians.

It is not hard to imagine that although Moses had a real affinity for the Hebrews, he was also pretty happy living the good life in the Pharaoh's palace. This becomes evident when, one day, Moses killed an Egyptian who was abusing a Hebrew (quite possibly the Egyptian's slave), and then apparently returned home to the palace. It wasn't long before word of Moses' unusual act got around, and the Pharaoh tried to kill Moses, who then found it expedient to leave town.

Now, that is the story which is relayed in the Book of Hebrews. Some might immediately think, "Hey, that doesn't sound like Moses was a great hero of faith, it sounds like he did something which got him into trouble and he high-tailed it out of town."

That conclusion would be exactly correct, but so is the statement in the Book of Hebrews which described Moses as a great hero of faith who acted on the Word of God.

You see, Moses' faith did not just drop on him from the sky that day when he saw the Egyptian abusing the Hebrew. Moses' faith was brewing within him for some time before that day.

Think about this: if Moses grew up in the Pharaoh's palace, how did he even know he was a Hebrew? Somebody must have told him. After

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Car Wash Held By Congregational Youth



MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR HIGH Youth Group at the Agawam Congregational Church were busy recently with a car wash to raise funds for some of their many activities. Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.

From the
PULPIT

by Rev. Len Cowan
St. David's Church

Thanksgiving Displays

Already it starts. The countless fliers and endless ads luring us out of our lethargy into the frenzy of pre-Christmas buying. It seems as if it comes earlier, year after year.

Between us and the Christmas rush stands a much-neglected holy day: Thanksgiving. No doubt most of us will observe the day, with its delicious feast and exciting football. But how many of us will use Thanksgiving both as an opportunity to look back over the past year, and as a season to prepare for the December holiday yet to come?

Some 20 years ago, the former pastor of our church used to march down to Forbes and Wallace on Main Street in Springfield to set up a Thanksgiving display window, smack in the middle of all the others which carried the usual pre-Christmas theme. Members of our parish were pressed into service to provide the various elements of the display: Pilgrim and Native American mannikins, costumes, fruits and vegetables, furniture, corn stalks, scenery, etc.

Though some of them may have grumbled at

the extra work at this busy time of year, they all remembered the importance of giving thanks, and to this day, they especially appreciate this day and season.

May I suggest that you do the same as they did? Of course, I'm not asking you to join me at Steiger's or K-Mart (you'll already find a fine Thanksgiving display over on North Street in Feeding Hills). I'm hoping that you will set up a Thanksgiving display in your heart.

Create a mental, emotional, and spiritual display of all of God's blessings to you over the past year. Look back and give thanks for His many gifts: for His creation, provision, love, friendship, beauty, and truth; for the tasks given us which demand our best efforts; and for the disappointments and failures which lead us to acknowledge our dependence upon Him alone; and above all for the gift of His Son Jesus Christ, who died that we might have life in all its abundance.

And may I also suggest that instead of rushing out to begin your Christmas shopping this weekend, you continue a season of Thanksgiving. Before your gift-giving, practice "thanks-giving": give thanks for those to whom you will be giving gifts. Think about what these loved ones mean to you, bless God for them, and bless them in prayer.

As you do, I'm sure that your gift-giving will be deeper and richer in the holiday to come, and that your gifts will be more "on target" than ever before.

May these "thanks-giving" displays bring glory and praise to our Lord and Savior, and joy to each and every heart.

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Church News - continued...**Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational**

Sunday, November 26th, is the last Sunday after Pentecost.

This is also Youth Sunday. The Jr. High Youth of the church will be leading, reading, and participating in the Worship Service.

Rev. Curt Fuller's Sermon will be "Walk in the way of Peace" from Text: Luke 1:68-79. The Children's Message will be "Whose Footsteps Do You Follow?"

Church School continues, with adult and seventh through 12th grade meeting at 9:15 a.m., and Crib Room through sixth grade meeting at 10:30 a.m. during the Worship Service.

Please be reminded that the Children's Choir meets every Sunday following the Worship Service in the Choir Room.

There will be no Playgroup on November 22nd or 23rd due to Thanksgiving. It will resume on November 29th and 30th.

No Midweek Service this week. It will resume on Wednesday, November 29th, at 7:00 p.m.

This service is a half-hour informal Worship Service with hymns, prayers, and communion.

A Pancake Breakfast has been scheduled for Sunday, December 10th, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. The menu will include pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee, tea, or milk.

All for only \$3 (adults) and \$1.50 (children 12 and under). Call the church office for reservations at 786-7111.

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that, how did he come to identify himself with the Hebrews? Moses was growing in his faith through his experiences as he grew up in the Pharaoh's palace. God was working on him or in him for quite some time.

It was only over a period of time, learning through trial and error, that Moses would develop into the great man of God that we all think of him as being.

As the story of Moses' life unfolds throughout the Book of Exodus, we see a man who made mistakes, but learned from them. We see a man who learned through experience that God is always faithful, that regardless of what things look like or how we may feel, God can always be trusted because God is by His very nature trustworthy.

What we also observe is a man who was determined to live a life of faith, or (as we have described it here) to act on the Word of God. As Moses understood what it was that God wanted him to do, most of the time he did it. As for the other times, he repented, then he did the will of God.

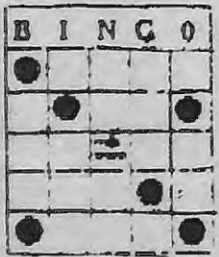
That is the same way it can, and should, be for the rest of us. None of us knows the perfect and complete will of God for our lives. But that which we do know, we should act upon. That is what faith is all about.

As we reach out to God, we too will find Him to be utterly trustworthy, just like Moses did. There is an old Chinese proverb that the longest journey begins with the first step.

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Again this year, the West Springfield Parish and Interfaith Association is welcoming all residents of Agawam to participate in the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. The free dinner will be held on November 23rd from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Mittineague Methodist Church on Amostown Road in West Springfield.

The meal is prepared and served by volunteers and is offered to anyone who would like to be with friends and neighbors on this holiday. Meals are delivered to on-duty firefighters, police officers, and persons with family members in the hospital.

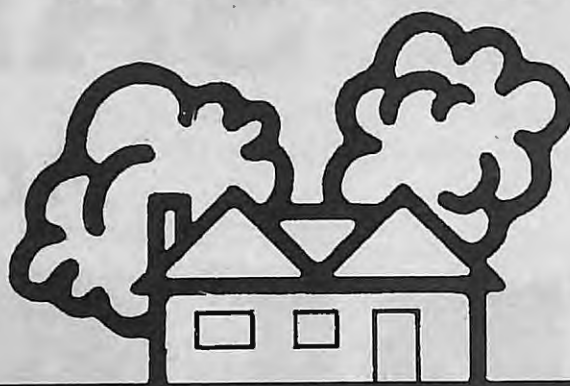
The event has grown from 120 in 1982 to 1,000 meals in 1994. The joy of sharing with others far

outweigh the tremendous amount of work involving many, many volunteers. This is the second year Agawam has participated.

Meals are offered without charge. We rely solely on the contributions of money, food, and volunteer help. Again this year, we are asking for help from Agawam residents and churches to make this dinner a success.

If you would like to have a dinner delivered to your home, would like to make a contribution, or volunteer for preparation work, delivery, or waiting tables, please call Carol Treganowan, Agawam Coordinator, at 786-1912.

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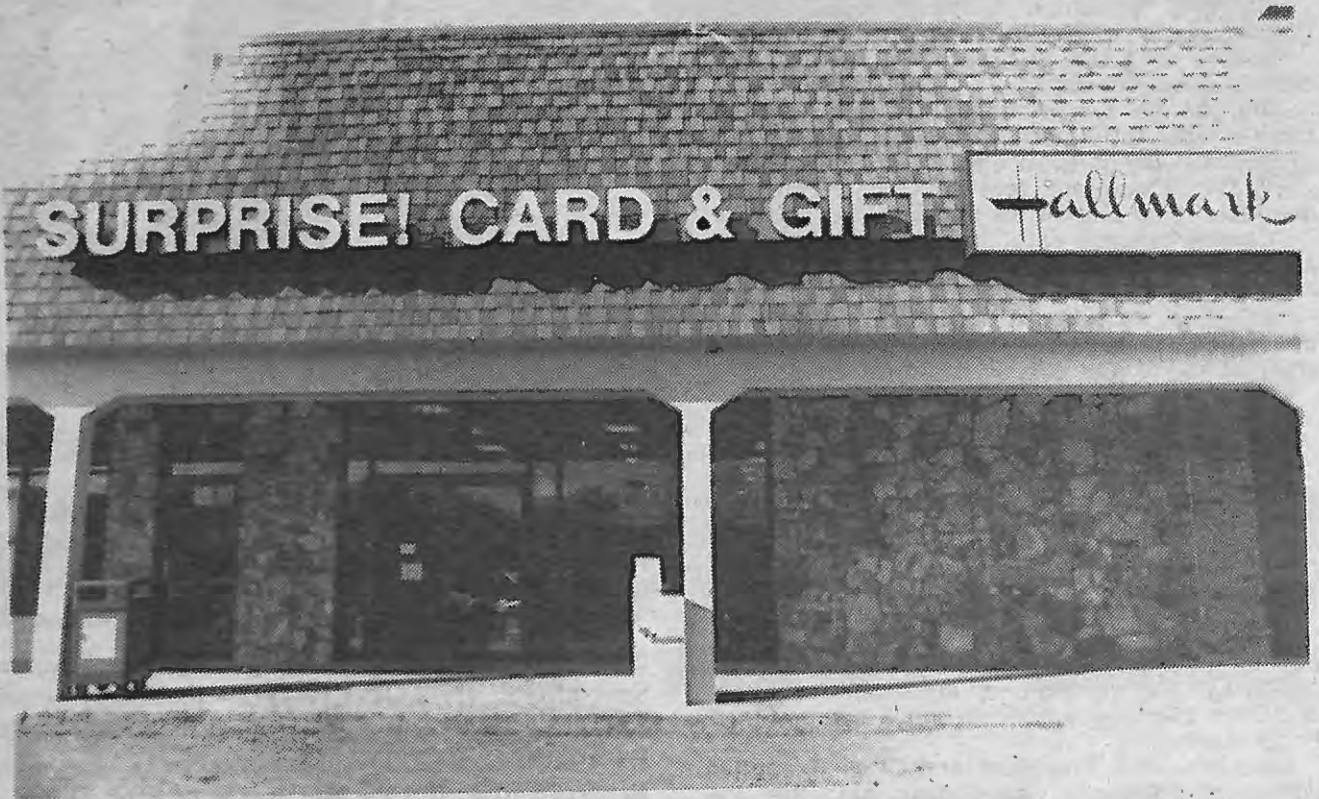


Spotlight On Business

Surprise! Hallmark Store Ready For Holidays



ROBERT MCELLIGOTT is the long-time owner of the beautiful Surprise! Hallmark Card & Gift located in the Southgate Shopping Plaza on Suffield Street. Robert has a store full of wonderful Hallmark cards and gifts on display. **IN PHOTO BELOW**, Lillian Bonomi is one of the sales clerks at the store. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



SURPRISE! Hallmark Card & Gift is fully stocked and decorated for the holiday season. This beautiful store is located in the Southgate Shopping Plaza next to former Big Y on Suffield Street. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Home Builders Association Holding Seminar On Land Use & Zoning Laws Dec. 12th

The Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield is sponsoring an educational program on Tuesday, December 12th, from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. to inform builders, land developers, and real estate attorneys about current legal issues related to land use and zoning laws.

The program, to be held in the Community Room of the Bank of Boston Building, Third Floor, 1350 Main Street, Springfield, is open to members and non-members of the Home Builders Association.

Attorneys Neva Kaufman Rohan and Russell F.

Denver of Robinson, Donovan, Madden and Barry, P.C. will keynote the program. An informal wine and cheese reception will follow the presentation and provide attendees of the program with additional opportunities to discuss their concerns with the speakers.

Pre-registration is required. Registration fee is \$10 for HBA members, and \$20 for non-members.

To register or for more information, contact Helen or Tina at the Home Builders Association office, 733-3126.



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Spotlight On Business - continued...**New England School Supply Changes Name To "School Specialty"**

Effective November 1, 1995, New England School Supply, along with the other five operating divisions of E.D.A. Corporation, adopted the School Specialty name.

The change was made to enhance the company's order fulfillment capabilities because all products at any of its six distribution centers (with over 500,000 square feet of facility) are now available to all customers regardless of location.

A name change celebration was held at the company's Agawam location (609 Silver Street) on November 6th. Employees participated in a range of activities, including a ribbon-cutting and cake appropriately decorated with the firm's new identity.



NEW ENGLAND SCHOOL SUPPLY of Agawam is under a new operating name, "School Specialty." **IN TOP PHOTO** - company employees Jimmie Holmes, Joe Zielinski, Lorna Kelly, Andrea Scalise, Dave Perkins, Jana Conlin, Cindy Arena, and Mary Ann Calabrese. **IN PHOTO BELOW** - Joe Zielinski, Joy Clark, Simona Rovelli, George Colon, Marie Bryars, and Pete Chechile. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

**Westbank Announces Agreement With Edwards Food Stores**

Park West Bank and Trust Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Westbank Corporation, has announced the signing of an agreement to open a consumer banking facility in three Edwards Super Food Stores.

Donald Chase, President and Chief Executive Officer of Westbank Corporation, said that the first bank facility plans to open in early December in the new Edwards Super Food Store located on East Main Street in Westfield. The other banking facilities will be open at 470 North Main Street in East Longmeadow, and 650 Memorial Drive in Chicopee during 1996.

Hailed by officials at both companies as a futuristic banking concept of customer service, the new banking facility will offer extended evening and weekend hours, and will provide a complete range of consumer banking services.

"Supermarket banking is the ultimate convenience," Chase says. "Our new offices will be open 60 hours, six days a week. Customers can obtain a consumer loan or residential mortgage, open a savings or checking account while doing their grocery shopping, whether it is at 10:00 in the morning or 8:00 at night, Monday through Saturday. The consumer will be able to conduct their financial transactions on their schedule and not the traditional banker's schedule."

The branch will be approximately 460 square feet with both a service counter and a private office facility, and will be situated conveniently in the front-end area of the store. The site will include one sales manager, one assistant sales manager, and an average of four sales associates working in shifts. Our staff is a unique group who have been trained as personal bankers to assist the customers with any financial need. An automated teller machine (ATM) will be located in the front of the branch to give customers 24-hour access to their funds.

"We feel strongly about the in-store banking concept as an additional service offered to our customers," said Anthony J. Schiano, President and C.E.O. of Edwards. Schiano noted, "Full-service banking with expanded hours is an important extra convenience for today's busy supermarket shopper. We're delighted that our new Edwards store will have a Westbank branch for the customers to do their banking confidentially, efficiently, and quickly, right in the store."

Westbank is working with Atlanta-based International Banking Technologies (IBT) to develop its in-store supermarket branching program. IBT is the largest and most experienced provider of in-store supermarket banking programs in the country, and reports as of June 30, 1995, state there were 2,833 in-store branches operating in the U.S.

Westbank has received approval from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Massachusetts State Banking Commission and will be opening Monday, December 4, 1995. With assets of approximately \$262 million at September 30, 1995, Westbank is the only locally owned, independent, commercial bank in Western Massachusetts, and provides a wide range of financial products and services through a branch network of eight offices serving Hampden County.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...**BETH CARROLL**

Beth Carroll Joins The NEWS40 Team

WGGB-TV has added veteran Springfield broadcast journalist Beth Carroll to its news staff.

Carroll returns to Springfield after having anchored for the past six years in nearby Hartford, with Fox affiliate WTIC. From 1981 through 1989, Carroll was a regular contributor on WWLP in Springfield.

The University of Massachusetts graduate will be featured in various roles across NEWS40's three-and-a-half hours of live, local news coverage.

For more information, please contact WGGB-TV News Director Jaime Cohen at 733-4040.

Derek Jarvis Of F.H. To Be Honored By Television Academy

For their career contributions to the television industry, two Boston news reporters, a long-time Boston station executive, the chief photographer and manager of special events for a Springfield station, and two of Southern New England's best-known anchors will be honored by the Boston-New England Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS).

NATAS, the organization that presents the Emmy Awards, will induct the six veteran television professionals into its prestigious "Silver Circle" at a Harvard Club of Boston Downtown Club Dinner on Wednesday evening, November 29th.

The six honorees are: Boston general assignment reporters **Garry Armstrong** of WHDH-TV, Channel 7, and **Charles Austin** of WBZ-TV, Channel 4; **Bill Hahn**, a pioneer of Boston television and the long-time public affairs director for RKO Radio and Television; **Derek C. Jarvis**, chief photographer and special events manager for WGGB-TV, Channel 40 in Springfield; **Tom Monahan**, news anchor on WVIT-TV, Channel 30 in Hartford; and news anchor **Truman Taylor**, whose voice was the first heard on WLNE-TV, Channel 6 in Providence 32 years ago for the inaugural broadcast.

Induction into the NATAS "Silver Circle" pays special recognition to individuals who have worked in television for 25 years or more and have made significant contributions to the industry during that time. This is the third year that the Board of Governors of the Boston/New England Chapter of NATAS has made Silver Circle inductions.

Derek Jarvis, in his 32 years with WGGB-TV in Springfield, oversaw that station's conversions from black-and-white to color news photography and from film to videotape news gathering.

As Chief Photographer for WGGB, he created procedures and set the station's standards for photo newsgathering. As Production Manager, he scheduled facilities, handled hundreds of live remote broadcasts, and was responsible in large

**DEREK JARVIS**

measure for a variety of special event telecasts.

Jarvis has also been the Executive Producer for 23 years of WGGB's Muscular Dystrophy Labor Day Telethon broadcast.

The 1995 NATAS Silver Circle Induction Ceremony and Dinner will begin with a reception at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29th. For reservations and additional information, those interested may call NATAS Administrator Jill Jones at (617) 787-6576.

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For Your Health

Lung Assoc. Says Vocal Cord Disorder May Be Called Asthma

Some people diagnosed with severe asthma who aren't helped by asthma medications may be suffering from a condition called vocal cord dysfunction, a study published by the American Lung Association suggests.

The symptoms of vocal cord dysfunction (VCD)—wheezing, cough, and shortness of breath—are similar to those of asthma. "Many doctors haven't heard of vocal cord dysfunction, and those that have think of it as a rare disorder, so they don't think to screen for it," said the study's main author, Kenneth B. Newman, M.D., director of the Asthma, Allergy and Sinus Center at the University of Cincinnati.

Dr. Newman studied 95 patients who were referred to the National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine in Denver for asthma that did not respond to treatment, and were subsequently diagnosed with VCD. Of these patients, Dr. Newman and colleagues found that 53 suffered from both VCD and asthma, and 42 suffered from VCD alone. The patients with VCD without asthma were predominantly young women.

The patients who suffered only from VCD had been misdiagnosed with asthma for an average of 4.8 years, and 34 of them were regularly taking high doses of the steroid prednisone, a treatment for severe asthma, that put them at risk for serious side effects, Dr. Newman said.

In the year prior to the study, patients with VCD averaged almost 10 emergency room visits and six hospital admissions, and more than 25 percent required a breathing tube during the hospital stay.

The vocal cord consists of two bands of thin tissue stretched across the larynx, or voice box. Symptoms of VCD occur when the vocal cords close up, limiting air flow. Acute attacks often are triggered by the same factors that can start an asthma attack, such as cigarette smoke or exercise, Dr. Newman said.

Vocal cord dysfunction can be detected with a device known as a fiber optic laryngoscope that is inserted through the nose to allow the doctor to see movement of the vocal cords.

VCD often can be treated with a technique known as relaxed throat breathing, in which patients learn how to relax the throat muscles to help prevent spasms. Other treatments include biofeedback, and in more severe cases, surgery or injections of botulinum toxins directly into the vocal cords.

For more information about asthma, call your local American Lung Association at 800-LUNG-USA or 413-737-3506.

Agawam's Medical West Associates Says Customer Satisfaction Up In Past Year

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts (BCBSMA) have announced that, after one year, its extraordinary Health Center Service Guarantee has resulted in an overall increase in customer satisfaction. According to a survey conducted by BCBSMA, the Guarantee, introduced in May 1994, resulted in an increase in customer satisfaction.

According to a survey conducted by BCBSMA, the Guarantee, introduced in May 1994, resulted in an increase in customer satisfaction from 89 percent to 96 percent and an overall decrease in the rate of customer dissatisfaction by 50 percent within the first six months of its implementation.

The health centers, including Medical West Associates of Main Street, Agawam, indicated that their satisfaction rate is a regional benchmark with a customer retention rate of 97 percent among patients who have invoked the Guarantee.

The first of its-kind in the nation health care providers, BCBSMA's Health Center Service Guarantee allows patients who receive their care at one of the the BCBSMA health centers to evaluate the care and service they receive. Under the Guarantee, if any member is not completely satisfied with the care or service at their local BCBSMA health center, BCBSMA will return to that member any premium contribution he or she makes the following month. In addition to providing the payment guarantee, BCBSMA pledges to correct the problem.

"A year ago we promised our members the best quality healthcare and service and we backed our word with this Guarantee," said Matt Kelliher, Executive Director of BCBSMA's Health Center Division.

"We listen to our patients - that's the only way we can improve what we do and that is why we want our members to invoke the Guarantee," he added.

Since 1994, one out of every 1,000 patients has invoked the Guarantee. The service industry's average is 2.5 times per every 1,000. "It's great! I was genuinely listened to," said one BCBSMA member. "It enabled me to voice my concern and get results."

The survey determined that results of the Guarantee exceeded BCBSMA's expectations. In addition to an increase in customer satisfaction, results have led to improved employee job performance and morale. "Health center physicians have expressed that they are more conscious of how patients perceive the care," said Kelliher. "Health center associates have become more sensitive to the administrative claims process undertaken by patients and are taking pride in the role that they play in servicing patients and remedying the problems they experience," he added.

Through information gathered from patient invocations, BCBSMA uncovered patient concerns and took action steps that also led to clinical improvements, including the following: reduced waiting time and appointment services, a reduced C-section rate and reduced hospitalization and emergency room visits.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts is the largest health services company in New England, providing a full range of managed care and traditional health benefits, products, and services to its business and individual subscribers, health care providers and federal, state, and local governments.

National Home Care Week Being Observed By Heritage Hall Nursing Home

Healthcare Services Network will join thousands of home care providers across the nation in observing "National Home Care Week." Sponsored by the National Association of Home Care, the week honors all the dedicated physicians, nurses, therapists, aides, and social workers who provide high-quality health care in patients' homes throughout the United States.

The theme of the observance is "Caring Through the Generations." Home care is the oldest system of health care delivery in the world. For more than a century, home care has been keeping families together by helping individuals to recover in the comfort and security of their own homes.

"Healthcare Services Network will host a special reception to pay tribute to our talented home care professionals," said Robert Abel, Administrator. "Their services have helped the disabled and elderly achieve a level of independence at home that is exemplary."

Healthcare Services Network was founded in 1992 as a member of the Genesis Health Ventures system. The agency provided over 20,000 home health visits to residents of western and central Massachusetts during the past year. It provides comprehensive care ranging from basic assistance with activities of daily living to advanced medical treatment.

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For Your Health - continued...

Taking Estrogen After Menopause Can Increase Risk Of Asthma

A new study published by the American Lung Association suggests that women who take estrogen after menopause for a long period or in high doses may be at increased risk of developing asthma.

The study found that both past and current estrogen use increased women's risk of asthma by about 50 percent. Women who used estrogen for 10 or more years had twice the risk of asthma compared with women who never used estrogen.

"Estrogen may enhance some susceptibility factor for asthma that's not yet known," said study author Frank E. Speizer, M.D., the Edward Kass Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School in Boston.

The new study appears in the October issue of the *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*, published by the American Lung Association.

The new study is part of the Nurses' Health Study, an investigation of 121,700 female registered nurses who have been followed since 1976. The new findings are based on a subgroup of approximately 90,000 women followed from 1980 to 1990. During that time, 726 of the women developed asthma.

The risk of developing asthma was similar for women who took conjugated estrogen with and without progesterone. Among women who took conjugated estrogen, the higher the dose a woman took, the greater her risk of developing asthma.

"Although estrogen is one possible risk factor for asthma, estrogen's role in preserving bones is very important as well," Dr. Speizer noted. "A

woman with asthma who is taking estrogen may want to discuss this issue with her doctor, but the doctor needs to take the total medical needs of the patient into account when making decisions about estrogen therapy."

Susan Redline, M.D., associate professor of medicine at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, who has studied women and asthma, noted that this is the first study to evaluate the relationship between asthma and estrogen prospectively, instead of asking women to recall their estrogen use and asthma symptoms.

"The study may prove to be tremendously important in pointing to a possible explanation for gender differences in asthma," Dr. Redline said. "However, the findings need to be confirmed in other populations before advice is given regarding estrogen use and asthma."

She noted that after age 20, severe asthma is more likely to occur in females than in males. In fact, women older than 20 are 2.5 to three times more likely to be hospitalized for asthma than are males. In the past, scientists have suggested a variety of explanations for this disparity, including women's hormonal changes and greater exposure to household irritants during housecleaning, Dr. Redline said.

Further complicating the issue, a study published last year in the *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine* found that women are much less likely than men to use asthma inhalers correctly.

For more information about asthma and its treatment, call your local American Lung Association at 800-LUNG-USA or 413-737-3506.

Diabetes Management Series To Be Held At Providence Hospital

Providence Hospital's free educational series, "The Management of Diabetes," will begin on December 1st. Sessions will be conducted on Friday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the hospital conference room.

Topics to be covered on December 1st include the signs and symptoms of diabetes, coping with diabetes, and self blood glucose monitoring. On December 8th, participants will learn about insulin and oral drug use, plus acute complications which may accompany these treatments.

The December 15th presentation will explore acute and chronic complications, and will include a discussion on the importance of foot care. The series will conclude December 22nd with a presentation by a registered dietitian, addressing meal planning and the diabetic diet. A question-and-answer period is part of each class.

Mary Ellen Strzempko, R.N., C.D.E., facilitates the program, which is open to diabetics, their families, and the public. No advance registration is necessary.

For more information, call (413) 539-2938.

Infant/Child CPR Course Offered At Providence Hospital

The Center for Women's Health at Providence Hospital in Holyoke will offer an Infant/Child Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) program on December 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium.

The program, which includes foreign body obstruction (choking) intervention, is recommended for parents, parents-to-be, grandparents, and babysitters. Individuals participating in the class will meet American Heart Association CPR certification requirements.

The fee is \$25 per couple or \$15 per person. Registration is required. For more information, call (413) 539-2950.

Mercy Hospital's Mobile Hearing Center Coming To Agawam Senior Center Dec. 4th

Mercy Hospital's Weldon Mobile Hearing Center will conduct free hearing screenings and hearing aid checks at the Agawam Senior Center on Monday, December 4th, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

In addition, full diagnostic hearing tests, evaluations, fittings, sales and service of hearing aids, and assistive-listening devices, can be

scheduled on a fee-for-service basis.

The hearing van's audiology equipment is operated by nationally certified audiologists from the Weldon Hearing Center at Mercy Hospital.

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DICK VOLKER of Ludlow and AMY HELT of Springfield are shown here sharing a funny scene in the Encore Players' upcoming production of "The Sunshine Boys."

Encore Players Are Set To Stage Neil Simon's "The Sunshine Boys"

The Encore Players will be presenting Neil Simon's "The Sunshine Boys" at the Lower Level Theater of St. Luke's Church, 961 St. James Avenue, Springfield (next to Serv-U), on November 30th, December 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 8th, 9th, and 10th.

All shows will begin at 8:00 p.m., except for the Sunday matinees at 2:00 p.m. on December 3rd and 10th.

Under the excellent direction of Jean Burns of Monson, this production has Debbie Dibble of Holyoke as stage manager, assisted by Omer Sielawa of Chicopee.

Tickets are available at The Golden Peacock on White Street at Sumner Avenue, Springfield, or at the door prior to each performance.

For more information, call (413) 533-6720.

Magic Of Mozart Concert To Be Presented By Springfield Symphony

The sounds of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra will enchant the audience with *The Magic of Mozart* concert on Saturday, December 2nd, at 8:00 p.m. in Symphony Hall in downtown Springfield.

The Orchestra, led by Maestro Mark Russell Smith, will perform the incomparable Mozart's *Divertimento in D major, K. 251* and *Symphony No. 40*, and guest artists Carol Wincenc and Nancy Allen will join in the magic-making to perform Mozart's *Concerto for Flute and Harp*.

Mozart's *Divertimento in D, K. 251* was written for his sister Nannerl on the occasion of her 25th birthday, and the composition is noted for various French influences. Music scholar Karl Schumann suggested that Mozart wrote this work to remind Nannerl of their younger years, when, as child prodigies, they had charmed listeners at the Court of Versailles.

The *Concerto for Flute and Harp*, composed when Mozart was in Paris, was written for the Duke of Guines, a powerful man in Marie Antoinette's court. Mozart felt the Duke played the flute "incomparably" and that his daughter displayed "magnifique" talent on the harp. The work he created for them is a fine example of French salon music.

The chamber-sized orchestra allows the delicate solo instruments to shine forth in a way that Mozart scholar Alfred Einstein described as "decorative and sensuous." The guest artists have collaborated before and have earned admiring reviews performing this concerto in particular.

Guest artist Nancy Allen is one of the world's premier harpists. She tours extensively throughout North America as an orchestral soloist, recitalist, and chamber musician. She heads the harp department at The Julliard School and holds the distinction of being the most recorded harpist in America. *The New York Times* proclaims her "a major artist, with virtuosity all the more impressive for being incidental to the projection of expressive values."

Wincenc, also a professor at The Julliard School, is an internationally celebrated flautist. She is a frequent guest of major orchestras and festivals throughout the U.S. and is equally de-

mand abroad. Her commitment to expanding the flute repertoire has led her to commission several new concertos, and she has organized and directed a series of overwhelmingly successful International Flute Festivals across the U.S. *The Los Angeles Times* asserts that she "commands a dazzling, easy technique, a remarkably broad scale of tone and dynamics, and a natural dramatic flair."

Mozart's *Symphony No. 40* is widely regarded as one of his finest works. Composed near the end of his life, it was the second of three symphonies that Mozart wrote in the space of just six weeks.

Out of over 50 symphonies, No. 40 was only the second to be composed in a minor key, and one of very few to earn vivid labels like "anguished" and "despairing" from listeners. Classical music scholar Charles Rosen marks this powerful piece as "a work of passion, violence, and grief for those who love Mozart most."

Following the concert, a reception will be held at the Glass Room, adjacent to Symphony Hall, 1380 Main Street, featuring cocktails, coffee, and desserts. Nancy Allen, Carol Wincenc, and Mark Russell Smith will be on hand to meet with concertgoers. Tickets for the reception are \$12 for individuals; reservations must be made in advance by calling Raymah Westgate at 733-0636.

A discussion of the evening's program will be given by Maestro Smith as part of the *Classical Conversations* series across the street from Symphony Hall in Old First Church. The talk begins promptly at 7:00 p.m., and is open to the public at no charge.

This concert is sponsored by Glenmeadow Retirement Community, The Wood Family Foundation, and media sponsor WFCR 88.5 FM. Additional funding has been provided in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Business Friends of the Arts.

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The plays, which are being sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council, are both set in Appalachia. "A Kentucky Marriage Proposal" is a hilarious rendition of Chekhov's classic play about a bumbling suitor, an argumentative spinster, and her father. In this rendition, the father role is changed to a mother role. Directed by Sal Marzano, the cast includes Steve Mangine, Debby Kozikowski, and Liz Marzano.

In the second play, "For Better or Worse" by Susie Smith Sinclair, a long-suffering mother of a large family is beginning to be overwhelmed by hostility at her family's treatment of her, until the local "granny woman" suggests a curative ruse. The play will be directed by Kathy Grady and features Janice Reynolds, Bob Lawson, Ellie Reynolds, Andy Curto, Tanya Marzano, and Luke Kozikowski.

Suf. Players Slate Next Auditions

Suffield: Auditions for the Suffield Players' winter production, "OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY," will be held on Monday and Tuesday, November 27th and 28th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at Mapleton Hall in Suffield.

Show dates will be February 22nd, 23rd, 24th, March 1st, 2nd, 8th, and 9th. It's a funny and touching tale of personal and corporate take-overs.

Copies of the script will be available for review at Kent Library, Suffield.

For more information, call Gus Rousseau at (413) 783-5174.

AHS Cheerleaders To Host Art Exhibition And Art Auction

The Agawam High School Cheerleaders Booster Club cordially invites you and your guests to attend an "Art Exhibition & Art Auction" to be held at Agawam High School, 760 Cooper Street, on Friday, December 8th.

A preview will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and the auction will begin at 7:30 p.m. There will be coffee and confectionaries, as well as a door prize.

Admission is \$5 per person, and \$7 per couple. Advance ticket purchases are preferred. For tickets and information, please contact Debbie Siedel, 789-2353, or Marlene Fiorini, 789-0672.

All checks for art purchases are payable to: Agawam High School Cheerleaders Booster Club. MasterCard, VISA, Discover, and AmEx will be accepted.

This event will benefit the AHS Cheerleaders Scholarship Fund.

"Christmas Show" At Ag. Public Library

Agawam and Feeding Hills families are cordially invited to the library on Saturday, December 2nd, from 2:00 to 2:45 p.m. to share the season's spirit with Fern and her life-sized mascot "Chipmunk Charlie" as they sing, dance, and frolic their way through this special holiday show. Created by Fern Michonski of "Fern's Music," the program features fingerplays, dancing, hand puppets, and plenty of audience participation.

Fern has performed in concert at musical events throughout New England. She has also produced programs for public access community television stations in Massachusetts and Connecticut and recorded several children's audiotapes.

All ages are welcome, and registration is a must. Please call the library at 789-1500 or stop by at 750 Cooper Street, Agawam.

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Agawam Library Has A "Snowy" Storytime

Agawam and Feeding Hills families with kids aged 2½ and up are invited to the Agawam Public Library on Tuesday, December 5th, from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. for an evening storytime with a wintry theme.

Families with a 9:00 to 5:00 schedule are especially encouraged to come. We'll share stories, music, and crafts that you'll really warm up to. Call 789-1550 or stop by the library at 750 Cooper Street to register.

Singer Albert DiPietro To Perform In Spfld.

On Wednesday, December 6th, The College Club of Springfield will feature Albert DiPietro, a well-known New England area performer and singer.

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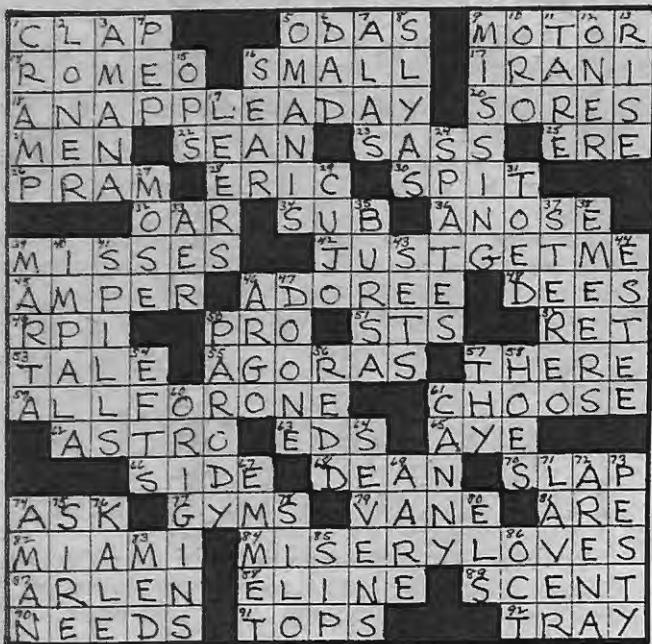
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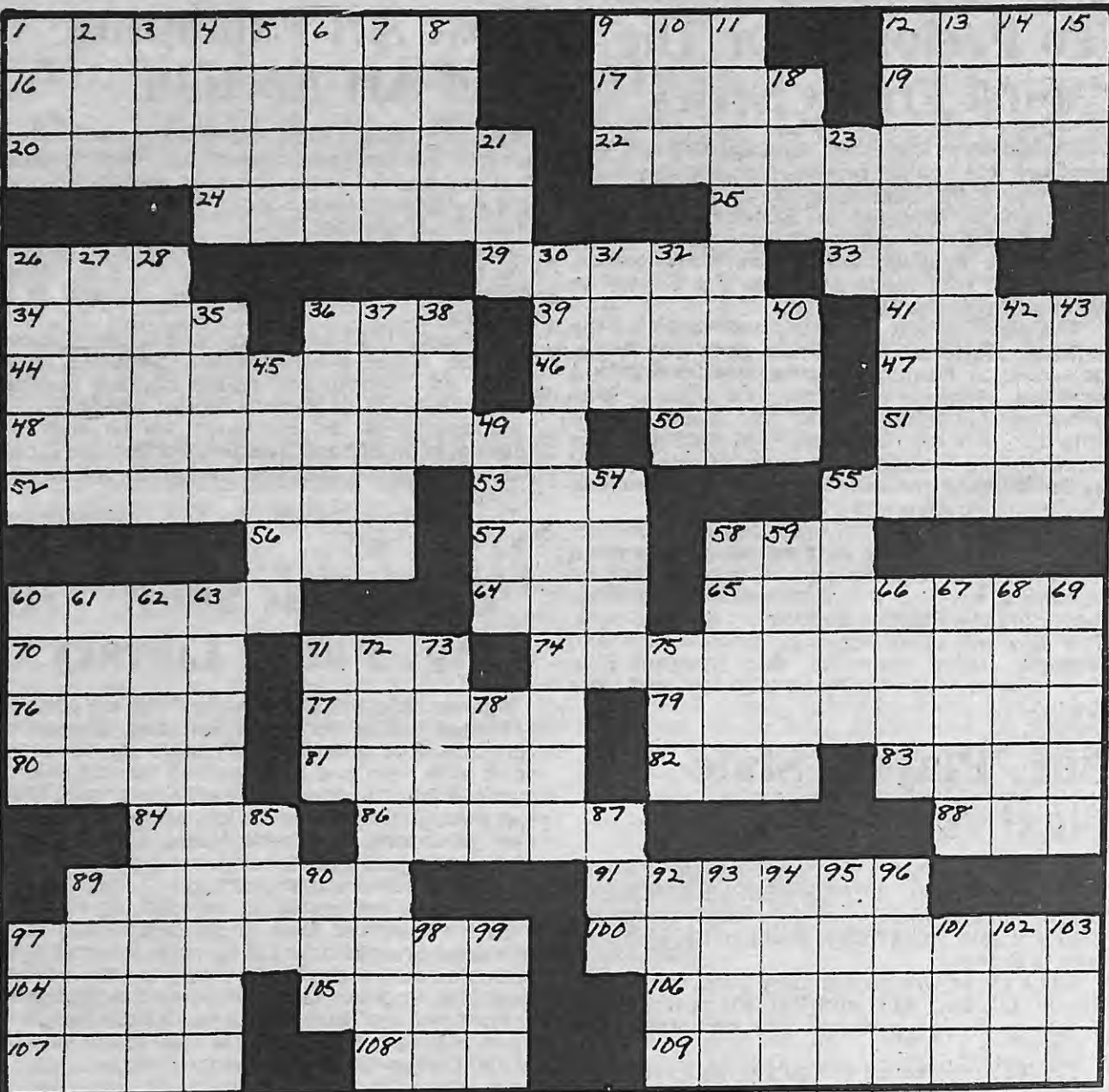
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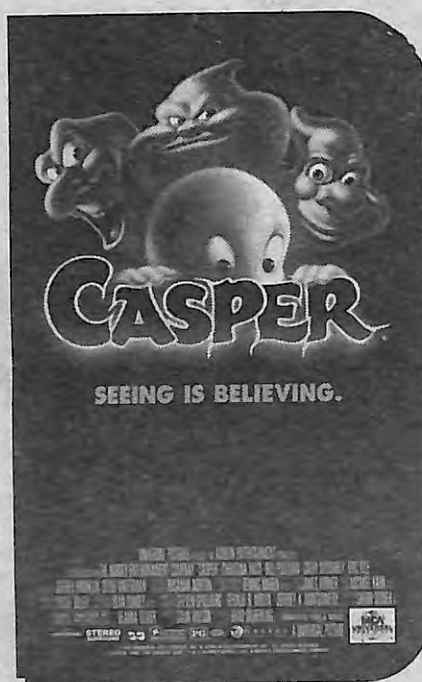
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Here's looking at Cooking

Countdown To Fabulous Holidays — Great Gifts For Your Guests

The appetizers are delectable; the decorations, delightful; the dinner, delicious. By all accounts, your holiday party is a success.

When the party's over, leave guests with a lasting impression of your hospitality and present them with a small gift as you see them off. The host(ess) with the most(est) doesn't want guests to leave empty-handed!

"Homemade gifts from the kitchen make the best impression," says Betty Rosbottom, cookbook author and entertaining expert. "Your guests know that you've taken the time and effort to prepare something special just for them."

Rosbottom advises that you use only the highest quality ingredients in your homemade gifts—like real butter. Butter enhances the flavor of other ingredients, making them more pronounced. Baked goods made with butter stay fresh longer, which is especially important for those of us who need to cook in advance.

English Toffee Star Cookies make a stunning presentation and the flavor is so unusual, says Rosbottom. These elegant cut-out cookies made with buttery-rich English toffee baking bits are baked just until golden brown, and drizzled with a silky, semisweet chocolate glaze.

Another of Rosbottom's favorite gift ideas is seasoned nuts. Her easy-to-prepare Curried Pecans with Plum Sauce and Peppered Almonds

can be made well in advance of your party and stored in airtight containers. No last-minute cooking is necessary.

The curried pecans are a sophisticated combination of roasted pecans, butter, brown sugar, curry powder, ginger, raisins, and plum sauce. Peppered Almonds combine butter, hot red pepper sauce, crushed red pepper flakes, cayenne pepper, chili powder, and cumin for a hot 'n' spicy treat.

Presentation is important, too, says Nancy Wall Hopkins, tabletop designer. One of her favorite "gift" tips is to offer guests a choice. On a table, near the door, place a tray of the nuts and cookies, packaged in these fun, festive, and practical ways:

- Stack cookies in a large glass or tumbler; wrap with clear plastic or cellophane and add a great big bow.
- Fill a small plastic bag with nuts, and place in a cup or mug; add a sprig of greenery and a bow.
- Fill a holiday tumbler with nuts and wrap with clear plastic or cellophane; tie gold cord around the tumbler for a dressy look.
- Package cookies or nuts in holidays tins, boxes, or canisters.

Guests can help themselves to a gift as they depart. The inexpensive "containers" can be enjoyed long after the holiday season.

ENGLISH TOFFEE STAR COOKIES

Cookies:

- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, chilled and cut into small pieces.
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/3 cup English toffee bits for baking

Chocolate Glaze:

- 2 ounces semisweet chocolate, broken into small chunks
- 1/4 cup whipping cream

For cookies, place flour, sugar, and salt in food processor work bowl fitted with metal blade. Add butter and vanilla; process, pulsing machine on and off, for several seconds, until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add toffee bits and process a few seconds more; mixture will be very crumbly. (Do not overprocess.) Transfer mixture to work surface and knead 2 to 3 minutes. Gather dough into a ball, then flatten into a disk. Wrap in plastic wrap; refrigerate at least 1 hour to chill

completely.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Place dough on lightly floured sheet of waxed paper; sprinkle lightly with flour. Cover dough with second sheet of waxed paper and roll to 1/4-inch thickness. Remove top sheet and cut dough into stars or other shapes with cookie cutters. Using spatula, transfer cookies to unbuttered cookie sheets, spacing about 1 inch apart. Bake 12 to 14 minutes, until light brown. Remove from oven; cool cookies 1 minute on cookie sheets. Transfer cookies to wire racks; cool completely.

To prepare glaze, place chocolate and cream in small saucepan. Cook over low heat until chocolate is melted and mixture is smooth, stirring frequently; cool slightly. Place mixture in heavy-duty plastic freezer bag. Seal bag, removing excess air; snip a small end off one corner. Squeezing bag gently, drizzle glaze over cookie. Let stand until glaze is set, 30 to 60 minutes. Store tightly covered at room temperature 2 days or freeze up to 1 month.

Yield: approx. 20 (2 1/2-inch) cookies.

(NOTE: To prepare dough by hand, in medium bowl combine flour, sugar, and salt. Cut in butter with a pastry blender or two knives until mixture is crumbly. Sprinkle in vanilla, tossing with a fork. Add toffee bits and proceed as recipe directs.)

CURRIED PECANS WITH PLUM SAUCE

- 1 1/2 pounds (about 6 cups) pecan halves
- 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons EACH: packed light brown sugar, curry powder
- 1 1/2 tablespoons ground ginger
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup raisins
- 3 tablespoons prepared plum sauce

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spread pecans evenly on two baking sheets lined with aluminum foil; bake on center rack for 10 minutes, stirring several times, just until toasted. Do not overcook. Remove from oven and set aside. In large skillet over medium heat, melt butter. Add brown sugar, curry powder, ginger and salt; stir to blend. Add nuts to sugar mixture, stirring to coat well. Add raisins and plum sauce; mix well. Remove from heat. Return nuts to baking sheets and bake 10 minutes, stirring several times. Remove from oven; cool completely. Store in airtight container up to 3 weeks or freeze up to 2 months.

Yield: about 7 cups.

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(NOTE: Plum sauce is available in the specialty foods aisle of some grocery stores and in Oriental markets.)

PREPARED ALMONDS

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 teaspoons EACH: hot red pepper sauce, cider vinegar
- 1 pound (about 3 cups) whole almonds (blanched or unblanched)
- 2 teaspoons EACH: crushed red pepper flakes, ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon EACH: salt, chili powder
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper

Prepare oven to 350°F. In large skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Stir in pepper sauce and vinegar. Remove from heat; add almonds, stirring to coat well. Spread almonds evenly in 15 x 10 x 1-inch pan lined with aluminum foil. Bake on center rack for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Meanwhile, in large bowl, combine remaining ingredients, stirring well. Remove nuts from oven. Add nuts to seasoning mixture, stirring to coat well. Return nuts to baking pan, spreading evenly. Continue baking 5 minutes; remove from oven and stir. Cool completely. Store in airtight container up to 3 weeks or freeze up to 2 months. Yield: about 3 cups.



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Tickets may be purchased one-half hour before tree lighting ceremony.

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“Shoppers’ Camps” At The Children’s Museum In Holyoke

The Children's Museum in Holyoke will be offering help for holiday shoppers on Saturdays in December. While shoppers are getting a jump on their holiday shopping, they can give their kids an early gift—the gift of fun—by signing them up for one of its sessions of “Shoppers’ Camp.”

The kids will get the chance to make holiday gifts and decorations, learn the art of papermaking, and explore the Children's Museum while parents will get the opportunity to make some headway on their holiday gift-buying.

“Shoppers’ Camps” will be held on the following Saturdays next month—December 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd. There will be two sessions each day: a morning session from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and an afternoon session from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

The one-hour overlap of both sessions will provide a time when campers can have lunch together. Parents should send a lunch with their child/children. The museum will provide a healthy snack and juice.

The camps will be staffed by Donna Festa, the museum's Art Teacher and Weekend Manager. In addition to Donna, there will be two camp counselors on at all times.

Tuition is \$20 per child, per session. Parents who sign up early will get a 20 percent discount on the fee. Tuition includes the snack and all materials that the kids will use, as well as museum admission.

Experience the magic of The Children's Museum in Holyoke, located at 444 Dwight Street (adjacent to Heritage State Park).

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Annual "Kid Party" At Agawam High



THE AGAWAM HIGH SENIOR CLASS held its Annual "Kid Party" on November 9th. From left - Elaina Almena, Maryann Spring, Kevin Bovat, Kim Faust, Tim Conklin, Jeff Gaylor, Karen Hershowitz, and Andrea LeBlanc. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CAN'T TELL WHO THESE GUYS ARE: Agawam High seniors at the Annual "Kid Party" - Jeff Harlin, Dan Pellegrino, Derek Parker, and Mike Pessolano. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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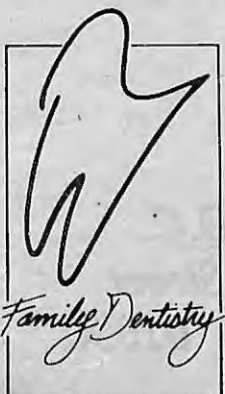
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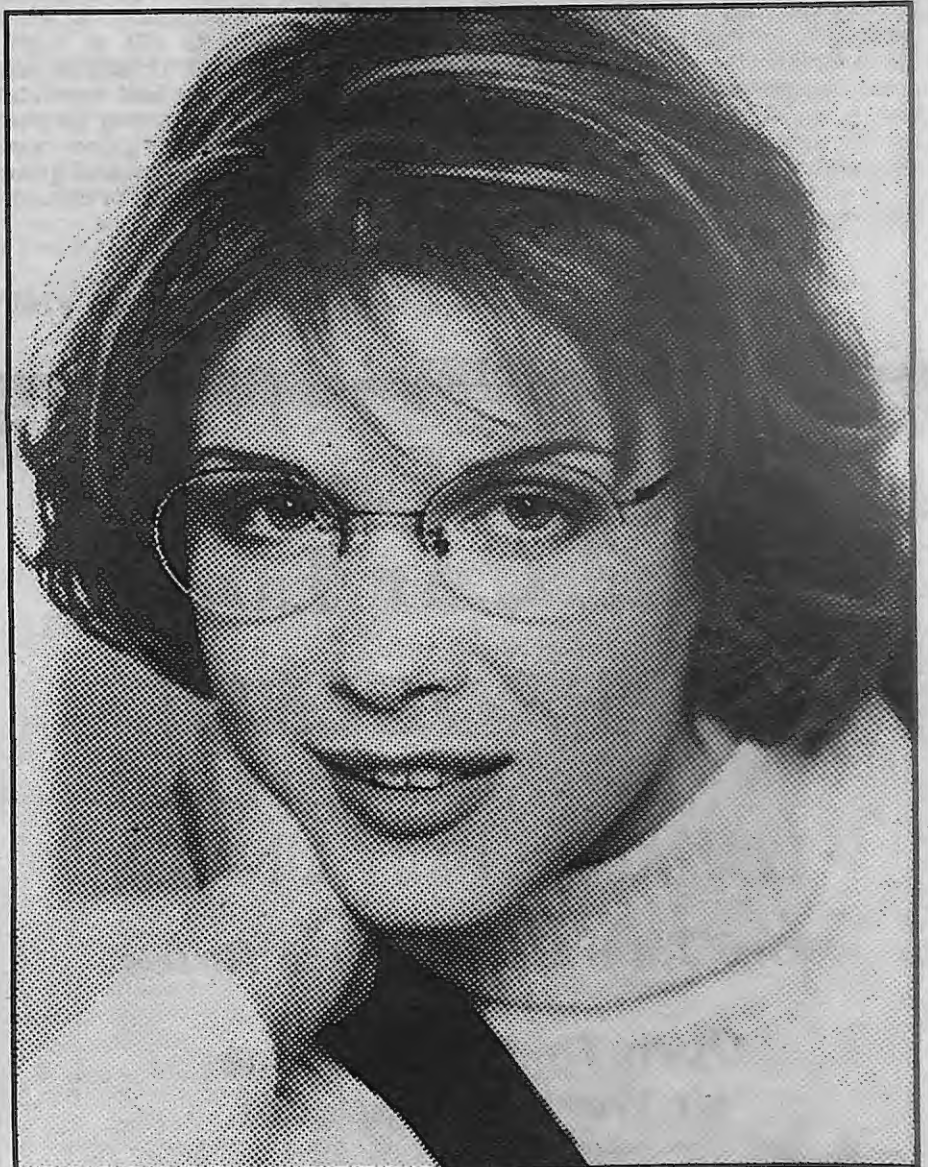
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ABOUT 150 members of the Agawam High School Class of 1996 attended the Annual "Kid Party" on November 9th. From left - Melissa Laflamme, Ellie Dickinson, Jamie Sternowski, Patrick Napoli, Dave DelloRusso, Jennifer Clarke, Kenneth Smyth, Justine Craven, Courtne Hyland, Dom Pisano, and Tracy Wandreil. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL -
Our next edition is November 30th
Deadline is Tuesday at noontime...

AHS Band Parents To Hold Citrus Sale

Agawam band students will be selling fresh Indian River Citrus from **November 14th-28th** with a delivery date of mid-December.

The money raised from this sale will be used to finance the transportation costs of the band program this spring.

Anyone wishing to purchase oranges and/or grapefruits is encouraged to call Tamara Watson (Band Director) at 789-1400, ext. 410, or Bonnie Krapf (chairperson) at 786-0498.

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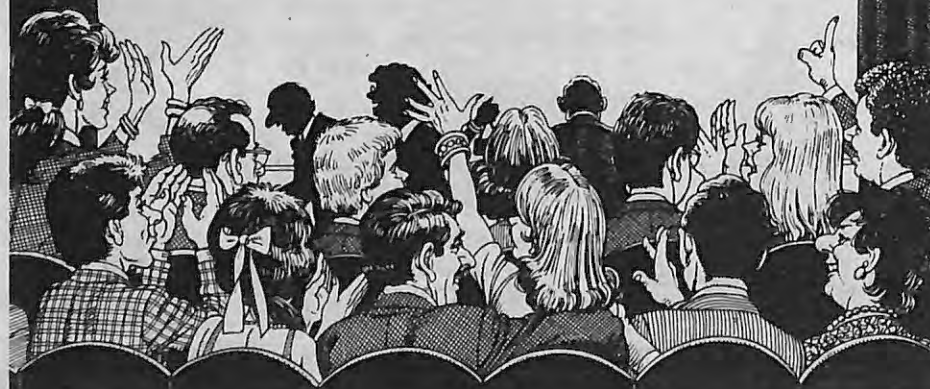
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Election Day Bake Sales At Elementary Schools



IN 1ST PHOTO, Phelps School held an Election Day Bake Sale on November 7th. From left - Emily and Gisele Sotolotto, Kris Porth, Louise Kuczarski, and Jo-Ann Sullivan. PHOTO BELOW - Granger School also held an Election Day Bake Sale. In 2nd Photo - Karen Roberts, Kathy Savard, Kathy Franqueza, Corinne Lafontaine, Chelsea Lafontaine, Cheryl Sabola, and Beth O'Neill. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



OVER AT ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL, Stephanie Bertagnoli was one of the school's PTO members who helped with the Election Day Bake Sale on November 7th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Halloween At The Agawam Junior High



SOME AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH students got into the Halloween spirit on October 31st by coming to school dressed for the occasion. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Kim Macey Recipient Of Scholarship From Stonehill College In North Easton

Kim Macey of Laurel Street, Greenfield, is the recipient of the The Reverend William F. Gartland, C.S.C. Scholarship at Stonehill College in North Easton, MA.

Ms. Macey, a senior at Stonehill College, is majoring in biology. A 1992 graduate of Agawam High School, she is the daughter of Wayne and Lynn Macey.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, November 27th: Oven-baked chicken nuggets, seasoned diced carrots, wheat bread and butter, honey or mayonnaise, cinnamon applesauce, milk.

Tuesday, November 28th: Hamburg in roll, steamed parsley rice, seasoned green beans, chocolate brownie, milk.

Wednesday, November 29th: Cheese ravioli with meat and tomato sauce, seasoned tossed garden salad, bread and butter, peaches or jello with topping, milk.

Thursday, November 30th: Steamed frankfort in roll, oven baked beans, chuck wagon corn, baked potato, fresh apple, milk.

Friday, December 1st: Oven-baked sea nuggets with catsup or tartar sauce, fresh carrot curls, potato puffs, bread and butter, chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

* **REMINDER:** Elementary lunch is \$1/per day or \$5/weekly.

(NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to: **The Agawam School Lunch.**)

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The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 30, 1995 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability for Lucia for property between Silver Street and St. Jacques Avenue.

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PROUD OWNERS of the Sandcastle Day Care/Nursery School, now located at 605 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, include Robert King, Rebecca King, and Pam Graves (director). The grand opening was held on November 5th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Continuing Education Open House Slated At Bay Path College

The Office of Continuing Education at Bay Path College will host a Continuing Education Open House on Tuesday, December 5th, at 5:30 p.m. in Breck Suite, Brookside Hall, on the Longmeadow campus.

The event is designed, according to Continuing Education Dean Caron Hobin, for adult women interested in beginning or continuing a college education.

For more information and to register, please call Carol Dunlop, coordinator of continuing education, at (413) 567-0621 or 1-800-782-7284.



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ONE OF THE HARLEM WIZARDS is in the stands to dance with the crowd at Agawam High School last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM ALL STARS who competed against the Harlem Wizards at Agawam High School last week. The Wizards won but the All Stars are promising revenge in 1996. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Big Crowd At Agawam High School Enjoys Antics Of Harlem Wizards

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

A near-capacity crowd of youngsters and their parents turned out at Agawam High School recently for the return of the Harlem Wizards and their side-splitting blend of basketball wizardry and court-side comedy.

AHS junior Phil McGeoghan scouted Town Hall, the School Department, the AHS Athletic Department, and the principal's office to fill out his roster for the Agawam All Stars.

The All Stars included Mayor Chris "He Be Jammin'" Johnson, Louise "Diving" David, Sue "Swish" Pettazzoni, "Wild Bill" Haag, Justin "Jumpshot" David, "Magical" Michael Birk, Dan "Primetime" Pryce, John "Backboard" Benjamin, Annie "In the Pivot" Phillips, Lou "Cross Court" Conte, Joe "Zippity Do Dah" Zabielski, Kathy "Catch Me If You Can" McSweeney, and "Jumpin'" Joann McGeoghan.

Many of the All(most) Stars were veterans of last year's game and were determined to make a comeback by dazzling the Wizards with their own courtly clowning. But, they were no match for the court comedians headed by Sayeed Abdul Muntaqim, a.k.a. "Rainbow."

"Swish" Pettazzoni said the All Stars had learned from their first outing against the Wizards last

March.

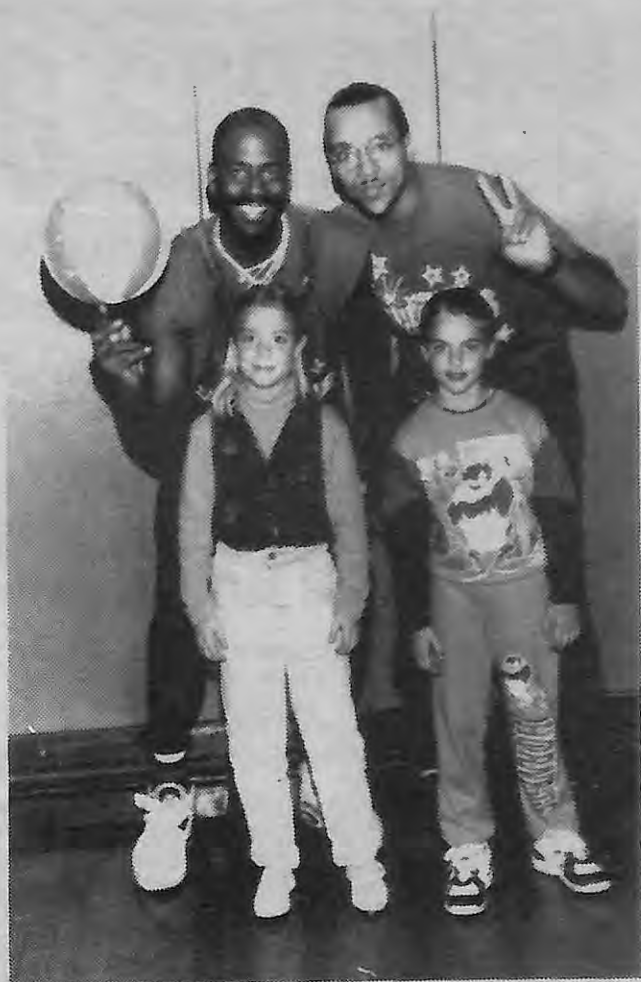
"This was absolutely a grudge match and just wait until next year, we'll be even better," "Swish" declared. "The women on our team had some strategies, the men had some strategies, and we had some strategies together. But, our number-one strategy was win at all costs!"

Despite strategies like "Diving" David faking an injury while "Catch Me If You Can" McSweeney hid the ball under her shirt and dashed down the court for a sure shot, the All Stars will have to pin their hopes for a victory on next year's rematch. The final score: Harlem Wizards, 91; Agawam All Stars, 84.

Attending the game with her four year-old son Kevin, resident Chris Mangano pretty much summed it all up: "It was a lot of fun. Of course, the All Stars didn't have a prayer against the pros, but they played some pretty good basketball when they were able to get going."

Sponsored by the High School PTSO, the fundraiser was a great success, according to Co-Chairwoman Joann McGeoghan.

"The Wizards will be coming back next year," Mrs. McGeoghan said. "We don't know when, it all depends on their touring schedule."



IN TOP PHOTO, members of the Harlem Wizards with two wide-eyed youngsters who attended last week's benefit game against the Agawam All Stars. IN PHOTO BELOW, AHS PTSO member Joann McGeoghan pulls down the pants of one of the Harlem Wizards (who flashed polka-dotted underwear). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Sports

Thirty-Eight Years Later, "Turk" Bruno's Record Finally Falls

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Your very first impression upon meeting Jim "Turk" Bruno is this—"I'm looking at an athlete." Even now, 38 years after he set the standard for high school football scoring in Western Mass with 174 points at AHS back in 1957, you get the feeling that if he put the pads back on, he'd get his yards and points again.

The Brownie faithful know him well. He started playing football in 1953 as an eighth grader. He scored eight points then. In 1954, he scored 20. In '55, he got 30. He got 68 in 1956. The kid had a nose for the end zone. Then, of course, came the great year of 1957.

His totals for five years of Agawam High football were 47 TD's, 27 PATS, and 300 points. A week ago, Holyoke's great running back, Cedric Washington, and Greenfield's outstanding quarterback, Peter Bergeron, brought their 1995 record scoring totals to 203 and 189 points, respectively. "Turk's" record was no more.

He put it into perspective this way: "I never thought it would last 38 years. We've had many great running backs in this part of the state. These two are extremely talented."

Then he took a moment to talk about himself. Like most outstanding athletes in team sports, he stressed that he had some help in his achievements.

"I don't care how good you are at running the football. If you don't have the offensive line, you're going nowhere."

Then he went on. "I was big (6', 180). I was also fast. I made my living running outside on pitches and sweeps. My linemen were great cutdown blockers. I think you know what that means."

The people who saw the Brownies play when "Turk" was there certainly do. In 1957, when they were the AA Conference champs (8-1 overall), the other side's defensive linemen went down like wheat before the reaper.

Like A Tank In A Straw Village...

Once the "Turk" got into the defensive backfield, it was like letting a tank loose in a straw village. There was little you could do. And, like all superior runners, he focused into paydirt.

"I loved being part of the team. I loved winning. All of us did. It was fun and a great experience that we'll never forget," he said.

He was a high school All-American. The University of Miami, looking to strengthen their football program, recruited him heavily. They got him in 1958.



THE PAST (left) AND PRESENT (right) Jim "Turk" Bruno, the legendary AHS football player who eventually became Agawam's superintendent of schools.



He majored in biology there. It is not an easy thing—biology and football. "You were supervised pretty closely," he laughed when asked how he could have participated in two such rigorous disciplines.

"Turk" was injury-free in high school. He wasn't so fortunate at Miami. After his college career, he came north. He got a teaching job at Agawam High. He later became the superintendent of schools in the early 1980's. Like some people who are blessed with talent and luck and a sense of place, he came full circle—he came back to his roots.

Some guys who have the talent, say they could

have made it big in pro sports. And they regret it for the rest of their lives if they don't try it. Jim says he had offers from the pros and didn't take them up on it. He says honestly that he has no regrets. He's only in his 50's. He's still a young man.

He has a great wife and family. His son, Jim Jr., was a great basketball player at Southwick High and at Westfield State College.

For all the Brownie faithful, there are going to have to be a lot of people who go into the record books before Jim "Turk" Bruno is forgotten around here.

Tickets Being Sold For Thanksgiving Day Football Game

Kathleen McSweeney, Agawam Public Schools' Director of Athletics, has announced that tickets for the AHS Thanksgiving Day football game will be \$3 for students and \$5 for adults.

Pre-game sales will continue through November 22nd. Tickets will be sold from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (lunch time), and from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. after school.

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Brownies Hope To Achieve A .500 Season...**AHS Gears Up For Its Annual Football Rivalry With The West Side Terriers**by **Dave Rollins**
Sports Editor

Agawam High and West Springfield High have been playing Thanksgiving Day football for 71 years. That's a long time to suck it up and go to war. That's what it is, though—a war on a day of giving thanks.

There is nothing personal about it. It is a game that culminates careers. It is a game that defines careers. It is a game that makes or breaks a season. It's high drama. It really is what athletics mean to many people.

It is what it's all about—you give me the best you have, I'll do the same. Someone will win. Someone will lose. Then we'll look forward to it again next season.

We saw the Agawam practices this week. We also got over to West Side. They were savage affairs. Agawam can salvage a .500 season with a win in this one. West Side can go to 7-3. Last year, in a game on a day that was so cold at the Terriers' place, you walked out of there like your legs were stumps. West Springfield won, 14-7.

Revenge Time For The Brownies...

It's revenge time. Both teams are as evenly matched as two teams can be. There is no difference here. I know it's an old cliché, but who wants this one the most will get it.

Both teams will run the same offense—pro sets and “I” every now and then. They'll go with the 5-2 on defense. This will be pure in-your-face football. It will be a bang job, a street fight. The thousands of fans who'll be at Harmon Smith Field will be in ecstasy.

This is a toss-up. If I bet on football games (and I don't), I'd stay a mile away from this one.

Agawam has one problem. Senior Dom Pisano has a bad wheel. He injured a leg early on in the Minnechaug game a week ago Saturday. He wasn't in uniform last week while they were practicing. He was optimistic, though. “I'll be ready,” he smiled.

Also, it is worth mentioning that Dom, with a 100-yard game, will go over 1,000 for the season. He has 15 TD's.



THE AHS FOOTBALL COACHES Curtis Boyle, Dean Vecchiarelli (head coach), and Mike Birk stand behind their 1995 co-captains, Dom Pisano and Jeff Harlin. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

“Ski Privilege Book” Available From The American Lung Assoc.

Nine Western Massachusetts downhill ski areas and the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts are sponsoring a Ski Privilege Book for the 1995-96 ski season.

For \$50, the holder of the Ski Privilege Book can ski one time at each location either free or at a discount, Monday through Friday. There are a limited number of books available. Discounts at two area ski ships are also included.

Participating ski areas are: Berkshire East, Blandford, Bousquet, Brodie, Butternut, Catamount, Jiminy Peak, Mt. Tom, and Otis Ridge. Discounts on merchandise and tune-ups are also available at the Ski Haus and the Colorado Ski Outlet.

Funds raised through the Ski Privilege Book will help the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts' asthma programs in Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin, and Berkshire Counties.

For more information or to order the Ski Privilege Book, please call the American Lung Association at (413) 737-3506 or 800-LUNG-USA.

Poole Helps Endicott Defeat Daniel Webster

Derek Poole of of Agawam, a graduate of Agawam High School, helped Endicott College of Beverly, Mass. win its GNAC quarter-final match vs. Daniel Webster, 3-2 in a shootout after two scoreless overtimes.

Poole scored the first goal as regulation ended in a 1-1 tie.

In the championship round of the tournament, Endicott bowed to Albertus-Magnus, 3-0. Poole was named to the All-Tournament Team after playing some of his best soccer of the season.

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IN LEFT PHOTO: Phil Vecchiarelli, the father of AHS head football coach Dean Vecchiarelli, poses with several members of the 1995 Brownie football team - Derek Parker, Andrew Ingham, Dan Pellegrino, and Brian Menard. IN RIGHT PHOTO: AHS football team members Jason Degray, Mike Perry, Justin Casinghino, Dan Yon, and Glenn Wegrzyn are in a serious frame of mind as they reflect upon Agawam's Thanksgiving Day gridiron battle versus the West Springfield Terriers.

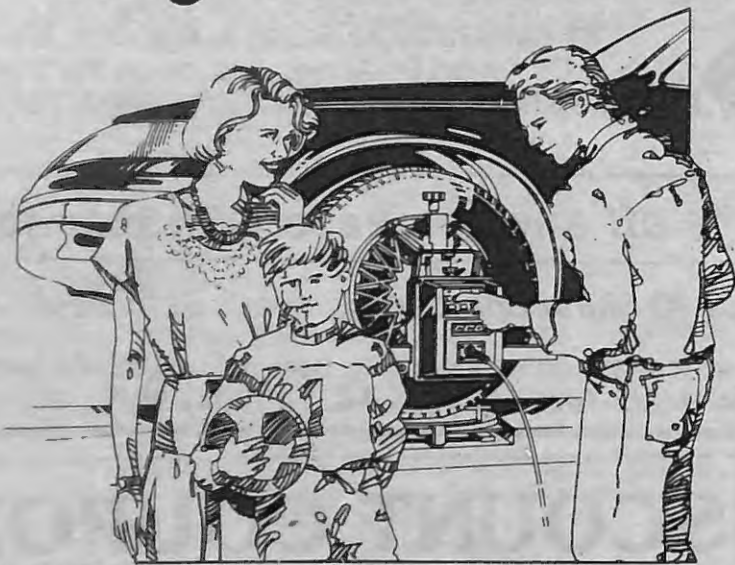
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Spartans Take Men's Volleyball Crown

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The E.Z. Riders, usually a relaxed and confident team, were tight from the start. Their season-long strengths of serving effectively, passing accurately, and hard spiking were missing from the first game on.

The powerful Spartans were on the mark all night. It was their serving, blocking combinations, and well-placed spikes that kept the Riders at bay. The Spartans, seasoned veterans all, played their best match of the season.

This concluded a long, well-played, and fun first season. Congratulations to all the teams for their sportsmanship throughout the season!

AAA Piranhas Open Winter Season

The Agawam AA Piranhas held their first meet of the winter season on November 11, 1995.

The team, with a roster of 82 swimmers, headed by coach Paul Talbot and assistant coach Paul Stepanian, lost against the Chicopee team 473-377 at Chicopee Comprehensive High School.

The results included:

Girls 8 & under:

The team of Julie Gorman, Megan Lalli, Caitlin Hurley, and Sarah Long placed third in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

Johannah Kos, first in 100-yard individual medley.

The team of Tammy Gorman, Rebecca Lewin, Johannah Kos, and Julie Wills placed first in the 100-yard medley relay.

Sarah Long, second, and Katelyn Mortyko, third in 25-yard freestyle; Johannah Kos, first in 25-yard butterfly; Tammy Gorman, first, and Julie Gorman, second in 50-yard freestyle; Tammy Gorman, second in 25-yard backstroke; Julie Gorman, second, and Caitlin Hurley, third in 25-yard breaststroke.

Boys 8 & under:

The team of Phillip Boglisch, Adam Deliefde, Connor Dooley, and Shaun Bruso placed second in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

Jeffrey Lagasse, first, and James Lewin, second in 100-yard individual medley.

The team of Erik Deliefde, Benjamin Bruso, Jeffrey Lagasse, and James Lewin placed first in the 100-yard medley relay.

Benjamin Bruso, first in 25-yard freestyle; James Lewin, first, and Jeffrey Lagasse, second in 25-yard butterfly; Erik Deliefde, first, and Benjamin Bruso, second in 50-yard freestyle; Erik Deliefde, first, and Connor Dooley, third in 25-yard backstroke.

Girls 9-10:

The team of Angela Vinton, Brittany Theriaque, Leigh Stepanian, and Erin Milillo placed second in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Jillian Kos, second, and Bethany Reid, third in 100-yard individual medley.

The team of Katie Gorman, Bethany Reid, Jillian Kos, and Allison Morris placed second in the 200-yard medley relay.

Angela Vinton, first, and Erin Milillo, third in 50-yard freestyle; Jillian Kos, first in 50-yard butterfly; Katie Gorman, third in 100-yard freestyle; Leigh Stepanian, second in 50-yard backstroke; Bethany Reid, first, and Katie Gorman, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

Boys 9-10:

The team of Anthony Rueli, Sean Baumgarden, Laurence Rocke, and Adam Kinney placed second

in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Paul Lagasse, first in 100-yard individual medley.

The team of Tom Gorman, Paul Lagasse, Daniel Adamski, and Michael Lalli placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

Laurence Rocke, second, and Michael Lalli, third in 50-yard freestyle; Daniel Adamski, first, and Paul Lagasse, second in 50-yard butterfly; Daniel Adamski, first, and Thomas Gorman, second in 100-yard freestyle; Laurence Rocke, first in 50-yard backstroke; Tom Gorman, first in 50-yard breaststroke.

Girls 11-12:

Hilary Golas, first, and Christina O'Brien, third in 200-yard individual medley.

The team of Christina O'Brien, Kyleigh Egan, Hilary Golas, and Rachel Morris placed second in the 200-yard medley relay.

Christina O'Brien, second in 200-yard freestyle; Heather Scarlett, second, and Rachel Morris, third in 50-yard freestyle; Hilary Golas, first, and Ashley King, third in 50-yard butterfly; Christina Climo, first, and Heather Scarlett, second in 100-yard freestyle; Kyleigh Egan, third in 50-yard backstroke; Amanda Boissonneault, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

Boys 11-12:

Nathan Adamski, second in 200-yard individual medley; Nathan Adamski, second, and Joshua Lewin, third in 50-yard freestyle; Joshua Lewin, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

Girls 13-14:

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the team of Katherine Chmura, Erika Dowd, Elizabeth Dowd, and Melissa Sparver placed second.

Shannon Costa, first in 200-yard individual medley.

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Katherine Chmura, Lauren Kunkler, Shannon Costa, and Shaunessy Egan placed third.

Shaunessy Egan, third in 200-yard freestyle; Shannon Costa, first in 50-yard freestyle; Shaunessy Egan, second in 100-yard freestyle; Katherine Chmura, third in 100-yard backstroke; Melissa Sparver, third in 100-yard breaststroke.

Boys 13-14:

Joel Ward, first, and Thomas Casiello, second in 50-yard freestyle; Matthew Francis, second in 100-yard freestyle; Thomas Casiello, first, and Joel Ward, third in 100-yard breaststroke.

Girls 15-18:

Rachel Niemiec, first in 200-yard individual medley; Kelly Robinson, first in 50-yard freestyle; Rachel Niemiec, first in 100-yard backstroke; Kelly Robinson, second in 100-yard breaststroke.

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Licenses Are Available In Early December

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These licenses and stamps make excellent holiday gifts for the sportsmen and women in your family, as well as for those who just want to know that they are contributing to the enhancement of fish and wildlife in the Commonwealth. All funds from the sale of licenses go into the Inland Fisheries and Game Fund which, by law, may be used only for the support of the DFW and its activities.

Fees have increased for 1996, the first license increase since 1982! Over those 14 years, costs of doing business have gone up. License fees have not.

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The new fee schedule, developed after a series of open hearings across the state during the spring of 1995, reflects the sportsmen's expressed preference for an "across-the-board" increase rather than the establishment of new stamps or the separation of big- and small-game hunting licenses. Also in line with comments received, fees for youth licenses were not affected, and new classes were established for youth hunting and for three-day, non-resident fishing.

The new fees are as follows, and all fees listed include the cost of the required \$5 wildlands stamp:

F1 Resident Citizen/Alien Fishing, \$27.50; F2 Minor Citizen Fishing (Ages 15-17), \$11.50; F3 Resident Citizen Fishing (Ages 15-69), \$16.25; F4 Resident Citizen Fishing (Ages 70 and over), free; F6 Non-resident Citizen/Alien fishing, \$37.50; F7 Non-resident Citizen/Alien fishing (3 days), \$23.50; F8 Resident Citizen/Alien fishing (3 days), \$12.50.

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No one is more concerned about sportsmen behaving ethically than sportsmen themselves. Sportsmen and women are usually the first to be outraged when the actions of vandals are labelled as the actions of hunters, fishermen, or trappers.

Following a longstanding sporting tradition, the sportsmen are "putting their money where their mouth is" and offering a reward for the apprehension of violators. And because they appreciate lands left open to sportsmen, they are quick to respond to reports of vandalism or damage on public or private lands open to hunting, fishing, and trapping.

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(For more information, call the Mass. Sportsmen's Council, [508] 355-2366.)

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Massachusetts will receive up to \$1,482,951 in federal reimbursements, according to preliminary

apportionments released by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The funding comes through the Pittman-Robertson signed in 1937 and the Federal Aid Dingell-Johnson signed in 1950.

Through these programs, federal excise taxes on sporting-related equipment (11 percent tax on sporting arms and ammunition, 10 percent tax on pistols and revolvers, 11 percent tax on certain archery equipment, 10 percent excise tax on fishing equipment, three percent tax on trolling motors and sonar fish finders, a portion of the federal fuels tax, and import duties on fishing tackle and pleasure boats) are allocated back to the states for wildlife conservation, land acquisition, habitat improvement, research, education, and other programs.

Preliminary apportionment figures for 1996 indicate that Massachusetts will be eligible for up to \$1,482,951 in Wildlife Restoration Funds (including funds for hunter education) and an additional \$1,200,000 in funds for sportfish restoration. Final figures on eligibility for 1996 will be released in the spring.

Ray Chyba of Feeding Hills bagged a six-point, 150-pound buck in Vermont the first week of the rifle season.

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Baywest Blazers Off To A Strong Start

With a solid core of second- and third-year skaters, and under the leadership of coaches Chris Wyler, Pat Johnson, Mike Melikian, and Grant Young, the Baywest Blazers are looking to make a strong showing in the Mite "B" division of the Greater Springfield Hockey League. After a few weeks of practices stressing skating and positioning, the team was eager to start playing.

Their first test was in an evaluation game against a Tri-City Mite "A" team. Tri-City dominated the play throughout the game, but Baywest hung tough, taking a 1-1 tie into the third period on a Nick DiMaio goal and some spectacular goaltending by Danny Corbin. Tri-City kept the pressure on in the third period, and scored late in the period to send Baywest home with a 2-1 loss.

The team bounced right back against Holy Name, scoring two first-period goals, and coming away with a 2-0 win. Steve Wood scored what would be the game-winning goal, with the assist going to Tyler Bokuniewicz, and Nick DiMaio tallied the insurance goal off a Mike Landry pass. Danny Corbin earned the shutout in goal behind the outstanding defense of Tyler Bokuniewicz, Mike Landry, Jeremy Rogalski, and Chris Darnell.

The Blazers opened their regular season at the Mullins Center against Amherst. Despite being short several players, they came out flying at the start and never looked back. Teamwork, exceptional passing, and strong defense were the keys as Baywest skated away with a 9-0 win.

Brandon Melikian and Joe Albano had "hat tricks," and Tony Boido, Nick DiMaio, and Tyler Bokuniewicz chipped in with a goal each. Drew Young, Joe Albano, and Mike Landry were credited with assists.

The team continued to work hard in practice, and was ready for their second game against the Springfield Caps. That hard work paid off as they came away with a 10-2 win.

The team once again exhibited unselfish play, with excellent passing and positioning. Joe Albano opened the scoring off a nice pass from Tony Boido, and assisted on the second goal, which was scored by Mike Wood. Tony Boido, on an excellent individual effort, put in a rebound of a Brandon Melikian shot as time expired in the first period.

Baywest continued to put the pressure on the Caps in the second period. Tony Boido and Steve Wood each knocked in a goal, and Joe Albano got his second of the game, assisted by Mike Landry. Nick DiMaio rounded out the scoring for the second period, with the assists going to Tony Boido and Steve Wood.

The Caps came back with two goals in the third period, but the Blazers continued to dominate. Johnny Bourassa provided the speed, and Jeremy Rogalski the muscle, as they combined for two goals in two minutes. Johnny set Jeremy up both times, and collected his third assist of the game, as he and Joe Albano set Mike Wood up for the last goal of the game.

The team has been playing some great hockey, and (at presstime) was gearing up for two more games with Ludlow and WTM.

Good Season For AHS Freshman Soccer



MEMBERS OF THE 1995 Agawam High girls' freshman soccer team. Back row, from left - Coach Lynda Kunasek, Leila Mounemneh, Katie Theroux, Chris Campbell, Jill Abdow, Nikki Reshamwala, Danielle Tirone, Ali Jackobek, Christina Gregory, Kornelia Moysis, and Jess Montagna. Kneeling - Diane Abdala, Erin Rescigno, Cassie Andre, Michelle Heim, Meagan Conkey, Steph Prout, and Deb Boissoneault. Front row - goalies Franca Bonavita and Gwen Gonyea. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



TEAM CAPTAINS on the 1995 girls' freshman soccer team, from left - Diane Abdala, Chris "Soup" Campbell, Coach Lynda Kunasek, Kornelia "K" Moysis, and Cassie Andre. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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CU New Leader After Big Win In Tri-Parish Bowl

In the big matchup of the season so far, Catholic University (21½ wins) took over first place by defeating St. Louis (21½ wins) at the Agawam Bowl in the Tri-Parish Bowling League on Monday, November 13th.

CU has replaced St. Lou on the top of the heap in Round One because of a higher team pinfall. CU boasted three winners in the big match including leadoff PAM BERGIN (274), second roller MARY THOMAS (301), and anchorman BILLY "Boy" GRIFFIN (324). Griffin defeated a shocked GLEN ADAMS (300), the leader in Men's AA at 105.15. Billy "Boy" is at 98.9 in the Unclassified group.

The only winner for St. Lou was third roller PAUL LAGODITZ (287, 86.8 in Men's B). For CU, Pam Bergin is second in Women's B at 88.17, and Paul Lagoditz is third in Men's B at 86.8.

Third place St. Michael (20 wins) also kept pace with the leaders in another key matchup with fourth place Boston College (19.5 wins). This was a torrid match as St. Mike's was led by leadoff JAY LAGODITZ (273), VI MASSOIA (294), and substitute "Sweet" LOU MASSOIA, a 339-333 conquerer of "Jungle" JIM MCCORMICK. "Jungle" Jim is third in Men's AA at 99.7.

The only BC winner was second roller STELLA BARBIERI (270-265 over Maybeth "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN). Stella is third in Women's B at 86.18; Jay Lagoditz is fifth in Women's B at 84.12; and Vi Massoia, wife of "Sweet" Lou Massoia (who was returned to the Agawam School Committee on November 7th), is fifth in Women's A at 91.1.

Georgetown (fifth place/19 wins) also improved its lot in the standings after facing sixth place Holy Cross (17½ wins). G-Town had one big winner, Captain DEBBIE POIRIER, a 350-304 winner over SUE GRIFFIN. Debbie improved her average to 106.9 in the Open Class while Sue is at 99.7 in Women's AA.

HC had two winners, leadoff MARSHA DOBIE (244) and reliable third roller JOHN MLINEK (283, 98.17 in Men's B). Marsha Dobie is at 84.7 in Women's C.

In the next matchup, ninth place St. Anselm (15½ wins) faced last place Fordham (12½ wins). St. A's winners were DORIS FORTIER (234) and YVONNE CHARTIER (282). Fordham winners were second roller CORI NAPOLITAN (277) and none other than the league's top gun, "Jollie" OLLIE MULDER (362). This was the week's great grudge match as "Jollie" Ollie defeated his brother, "Luscious" LOU MULDER, who came with what looked like a stiff arm after rolling a lowly 288. "Jollie" Ollie was wired after this match, although he can't understand why his team is in last place.

Anyway, "Jollie" leads the league in rolling at 109.3 and "Luscious" Lou is right behind at 108.14. For St. A's, Doris F. is fourth in Women's B at 86.10 and Yvonne saw her average slip to 103.22, good for second in Women's AA. Cori Napolitan is second in Women's A at 94.12.

In the final match of the night, seventh place St. Mary (17 wins) faced eighth place Notre Dame (16 wins) in a rather lackluster match.

St. Mary's winners were second roller VENETTA SNYDER (253) and third roller FRANK CERPOVICZ (307-304 over DON "Don't Sit On" STITT). The only ND winner was Captain FLO ROCHFORD (299). Flo still leads all of the women in rolling at 107.5 but she is now hearing the rumble of Debbie Poirier getting hot on the lanes. But Flo is quite a competitor herself.

For St. Mary's, Frankie C. is the leader in Men's A at 98.23 and Venetta Snyder is sixth in Women's A at 89.18.

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Agawam Hawks Finish Second In Playoffs In Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League

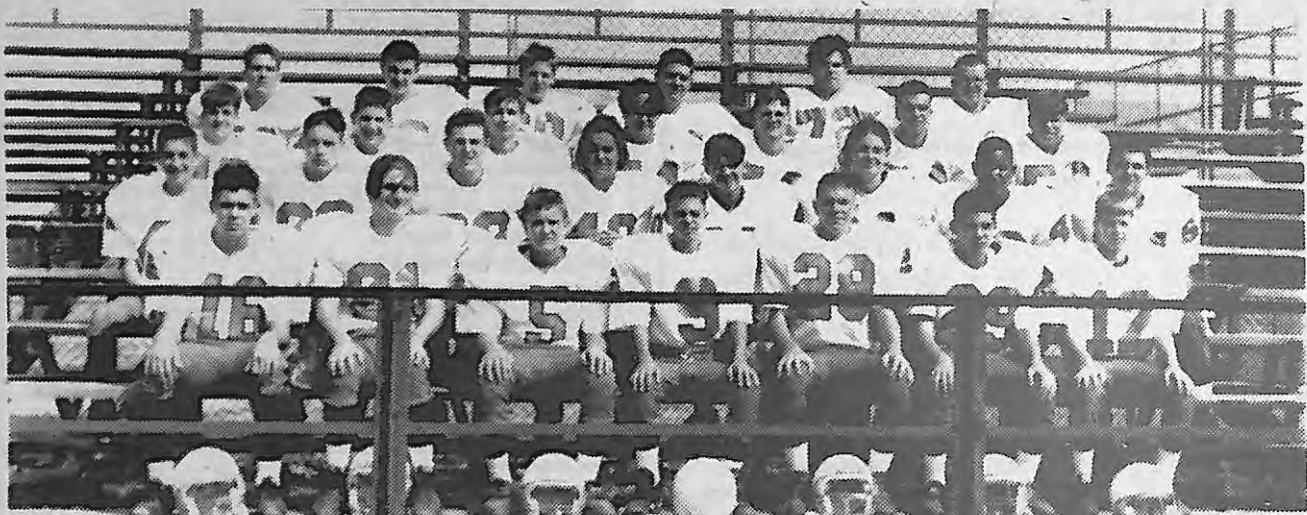
The Agawam Hawks, the boys' Under-10 Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League team coached by Steve Gonyea and Nick Alfano, completed one of its finest seasons at the League playoffs held recently at Gateway High School in Huntington, MA.

There, the boys finished their season in second place on Sunday after defeating the third-place team in a penalty kick shootout by a 3-1 score the day before.

This capped off an undefeated, second-place season which included a second runner-up placement at the Riverside Classic, a trip to the Fourth of July tournament in West Springfield, and a runner-up placement at the Springfield Columbus Day Tournament.

The coaching staff wishes to thank the boys for their efforts, and the parents for their patience and support. The Hawks will be back!

AHS Freshman Football Team 1995



MEMBERS OF THE 1995 Agawam High freshman football team are looking forward to next season as members of either the junior varsity or varsity. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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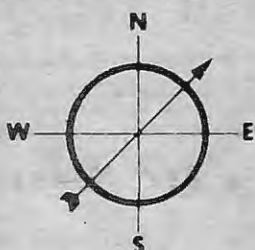
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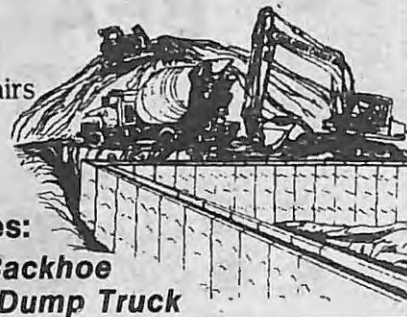
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